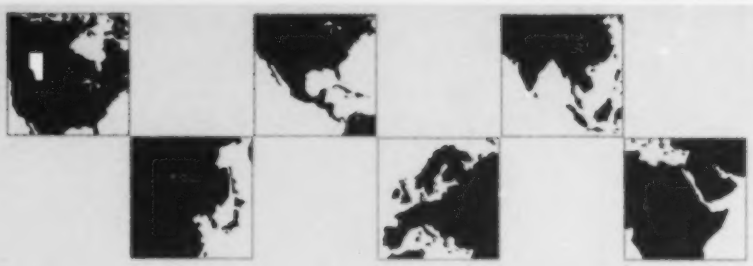

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Labour Force: Alberta's unemployment rate was 4.1% in December, down from 4.4% registered a year ago. This was the lowest unemployment rate in Canada and well below the national average of 6.5%. Between December 2004 and December 2005, 32,600 new jobs were created. The largest job gains were in the *Wholesale Trade* and *Professional, Scientific & Technical Service* industries. In 2005, Alberta's average unemployment rate was 3.9% - the lowest level since 1981 and the lowest unemployment rate in Canada. This was due to the number of employed growing by 1.6%, or by 28,500, combined with the average number of unemployed (73,000) dropping to a 24-year low. In 2005, full-time employment increased by 2.7% or by 39,400 jobs, while part-time employment decreased by 3.4%.

Construction: In December, Alberta urban housing starts declined by 0.5% from December 2004. In 2005, urban starts increased by 6.6% from 2004, to 34,301. 2005 was the fourth consecutive year of housing starts in excess of 30,000. In November, the value of building permits issued by municipalities was 21.3% higher than in November 2004. During the first eleven months of 2005, Alberta municipalities issued a record $9.2 billion in building permits, 38.8% more than during the same period in 2004.

Consumer Spending: Alberta retail sales climbed by 9.9% in October, compared to the same month last year. During the first ten months of 2005, Alberta retail sales increased by 12.0% from the same period last year. This was the highest growth rate in Canada. For the January to November period, the number of homes sold via the Multiple Listing Service in Alberta jumped by 14.6% and the total value of these homes increased sharply by 28.1%. Alberta's inflation rate in November was 2.7%, down from 3.5% recorded in the previous month. Excluding food and energy products, Alberta's inflation rate was 1.9%.

Energy: For the January to August period, natural gas production was essentially unchanged and crude oil production fell by 6.1%, compared to the same period last year. The number of active drilling rigs in Alberta rose by 11.2% in December, compared to the same month last year, to a record 523. In 2005, the average number of active rigs grew by 15.1% from 2004, to a new annual high of 381.

Exports: In November 2005, the value of Alberta's international merchandise exports rose strongly by 24.4% compared to November 2004, to $7.55 billion - the third highest level on record. This gain was primarily the result of price driven increases for *energy product* shipments (+30.2%). During the first eleven months of 2005, Alberta exports climbed by 16.4% from the same period in 2004. Over the same period, Canadian exports rose by a much lower 4.8%.

Incorporations/Bankruptcies: The number of business incorporations in Alberta increased sharply by 25.9% December, compared to the same month of the prior year. In 2005, business incorporations grew by 17.5% from 2004, to a record 40,325. In November, the number of business bankruptcies decreased sharply by 44.3% and consumer bankruptcies fell by 20.6%, compared to November 2004. On a year-to-date basis, the number of business and consumer bankruptcies declined by 22.1% and 12.1%, respectively, from the same period last year. These declines were the largest provincial decreases in Canada.

CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

LABOUR FORCE (seasonally adjusted)	OCT04	NOV04	DEC04	OCT05	NOV05	DEC05
Alberta						
Labour Force (000's)	1,852.9	1,852.2	1,850.3	1,869.2	1,872.0	1,877.4
Calgary	628.9	630.8	626.2	628.9	634.5	639.7
Edmonton	587.6	591.9	593.5	577.8	575.7	572.9
Employed (000's)	1,765.1	1,766.3	1,768.1	1,794.9	1,795.1	1,800.7
Calgary	601.2	599.8	596.2	603.7	606.7	611.6
Edmonton	558.7	561.5	562.2	551.5	550.8	547.9
Employment Rate (%)	70.1	70.0	70.0	69.7	69.6	69.6
Calgary	71.7	71.4	70.9	70.2	70.4	70.8
Edmonton	69.3	69.6	69.6	67.2	67.0	66.3
Unemployment (000's)	87.7	85.9	82.3	74.4	76.9	76.7
Calgary	30.6	31.0	30.0	25.2	27.7	28.1
Edmonton	28.9	30.4	31.2	26.3	24.9	25.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.0	4.1	4.1
Calgary	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.0	4.4	4.4
Edmonton	4.9	5.1	5.3	4.6	4.3	4.4
Participation Rate (%)	73.6	73.4	73.3	72.6	72.5	72.6
Calgary	75.4	75.1	74.4	73.2	73.6	74.1
Edmonton	72.9	73.4	73.5	70.4	70.0	69.3

NOTE: Calgary and Edmonton estimates are 3-month moving averages.

ADDITIONAL LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS	OCT04	NOV04	DEC04	OCT05	NOV05	DEC05
Alberta						
Male Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	4.1	4.4	3.5	4.1	4.2
Female Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	4.8	3.9	4.2	3.9	3.6
Youth Unemployment Rate (%)	8.3	7.7	7.6	7.2	7.2	7.2
Working Age Population (000's)	2,519.1	2,522.6	2,526.0	2,574.0	2,580.5	2,587.2
Calgary	838.4	839.8	841.2	859.4	861.6	863.4
Edmonton	805.8	806.8	807.9	820.2	822.1	826.1
Employed (000's)	1,761.5	1,767.5	1,766.3	1,792.3	1,795.6	1,799.5
Full-time	1,436.1	1,434.0	1,433.9	1,469.1	1,487.9	1,486.4
Part-time	325.4	333.6	332.4	323.2	307.0	313.1

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EMPLOYMENT

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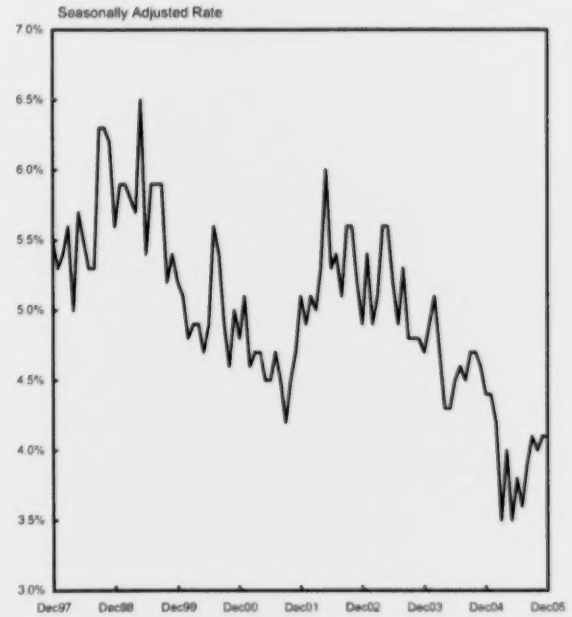


INDUSTRY LABOUR FORCE (unadjusted)	OCT04	NOV04	DEC04	OCT05	NOV05	DEC05
Alberta						
GOODS-PRODUCING SECTOR TOTAL						
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	4.0	4.9	2.6	2.4	3.0
Employed (000's)	507.5	504.1	494.4	491.6	488.5	478.9
Agriculture						
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.8	n/a	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	66.5	62.2	61.2	57.1	53.0	49.9
Forestry and Logging (including support activities)						
Unemployment Rate (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	3.4	3.3	3.8	5.3	3.3	3.7
Mining & Oil & Gas Extraction						
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.1	1.6	2.6	1.6	2.9	1.5
Employed (000's)	110.8	116.6	118.8	125.9	122.6	124.4
Utilities						
Unemployment Rate (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	13.5	13.1	13.3	14.7	14.2	15.3
Construction						
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	6.0	6.6	3.2	2.4	5.3
Employed (000's)	169.3	168.5	163.2	165.4	167.9	156.5
Manufacturing						
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	4.2	5.1	4.0	3.1	2.1
Employed (000's)	144.1	140.3	134.2	123.1	127.5	129.3
SERVICES-PRODUCING SECTOR TOTAL						
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.2	3.3	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.1
Employed (000's)	1254.0	1263.5	1271.9	1300.6	1307.1	1320.6
Wholesale						
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.1	3.1	4.2	4.9	1.9	3.1
Employed (000's)	62.7	59.1	57.6	65.6	73.6	77.0
Retail Trade						
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.8	3.4	2.5	3.0	3.2	4.0
Employed (000's)	206.9	215.9	220.6	206.4	206.6	212.7
Transportation & Warehousing						
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.0	3.5	2.3	1.8	1.2	3.8
Employed (000's)	96.7	102.1	98.1	113.4	113.8	105.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing						
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.4	1.7	1.6	3.0	2.9	1.4
Employed (000's)	92.7	95.3	92.3	97.5	90.8	95.3
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services						
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	3.3	1.7	3.3	1.3	1.9
Employed (000's)	118.7	116.0	118.5	142.6	139.0	144.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services						
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.3	10.2	8.2	3.8	6.4	5.2
Employed (000's)	60.7	62.1	61.6	58.2	59.5	59.6
Educational Services						
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.0	2.1	1.5	1.0	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	112.1	114.5	117.2	118.6	121.2	130.3
Health Care & Social Assistance						
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.9	1.2	1.0
Employed (000's)	160.6	162.0	163.5	169.6	174.6	172.1
Information, Culture and Recreation						
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	3.3	2.4	4.6	11.2	9.4
Employed (000's)	71.3	64.8	64.3	73.3	67.7	63.5
Accommodation & Food Services						
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	4.1	3.1	4.4	5.5	5.2
Employed (000's)	123.5	122.9	126.4	101.1	110.3	110.4
Other Services						
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	2.6	3.1	2.1	1.4	1.3
Employed (000's)	78.4	82.3	84.0	83.5	79.7	81.8
Public Administration						
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.1	2.6	2.9	n/a	2.5	3.0
Employed (000's)	69.8	66.4	67.8	70.8	70.2	68.8

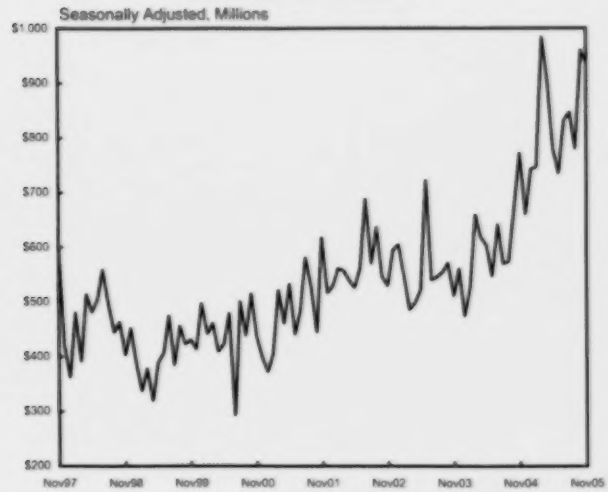
BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000)	JANUARY - NOVEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total Value, seasonally adjusted	6,665.2	9,248.9	38.8	674.5	960.0	42.3	772.2	936.4	21.3
Total Value, unadjusted	6,815.2	9,354.2	37.3	687.3	986.1	43.5	721.5	913.9	26.7
Calgary	2,638.5	3,542.8	34.3	234.3	291.8	24.5	242.3	367.8	51.8
Edmonton	1,902.2	2,678.0	40.8	189.4	346.3	82.9	224.5	235.8	5.0
Residential	4,582.0	5,532.7	20.7	434.7	517.1	19.0	461.3	545.1	18.2
Calgary	1,826.2	2,122.9	16.2	184.5	201.1	9.0	182.0	227.1	24.8
Edmonton	1316.3	1,739.9	32.2	93.4	157.5	68.7	136.1	176.5	29.7
Industrial	383.8	819.4	113.5	92.2	55.1	-40.2	66.3	110.7	67.1
Calgary	62.4	167.8	168.9	4.7	15.2	221.4	10.0	23.6	136.4
Edmonton	105.8	135.1	27.7	40.7	17.8	-56.2	16.6	9.6	-41.9
Commercial	1,418.7	2,146.7	51.3	150.2	273.0	81.7	125.5	229.0	82.4
Calgary	576.5	870.6	51.0	41.9	55.3	32.0	39.2	113.2	188.6
Edmonton	396.7	484.1	22.0	51.0	61.1	19.7	50.8	37.5	-26.1
Institutional/Government	430.7	855.4	98.6	10.1	141.0	1289.7	68.5	29.2	-57.4
Calgary	173.4	381.5	120.1	3.2	20.1	538.0	11.1	3.9	-65.0
Edmonton	83.4	318.8	282.2	4.3	110.0	2435.4	21.1	12.2	-42.4

HOUSING STARTS (urban)	JANUARY - DECEMBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total	32,188	34,301	6.6	3,202	2,842	-11.2	2,677	2,663	-0.5
Single Detached	19,048	20,819	9.3	1,536	1,735	13.0	1,657	1,753	5.8
All Others*	13,140	13,482	2.6	1,666	1,107	-33.6	1,020	910	-10.8
Calgary	14,008	13,667	-2.4	1,043	1,100	5.5	1,259	925	-26.5
Edmonton	11,488	13,294	15.7	1,498	1,236	-17.5	851	1,121	31.7

* Includes: two family, row, and apartment dwellings

MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE (MLS) HOUSING RESALES	JANUARY - NOVEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total	54,294	62,232	14.6	4,457	5,221	17.1	4,148	5,296	27.7
Calgary	24,973	29,692	18.9	2,135	2,584	21.0	1,996	2,617	31.1
Edmonton	16,726	17,726	6.0	1,263	1,333	5.5	1,214	1,445	19.0
Total Value ($000,000)	10,549.4	13,515.4	28.1	879.4	1,151.6	30.9	837.3	1,207.2	44.2
Calgary	5,549.4	7,403.3	33.4	480.2	657.6	36.9	457.3	691.9	51.3
Edmonton	3,006.4	3,434.1	14.2	226.8	263.5	16.2	220.5	286.5	29.9

BUILDING PERMITS



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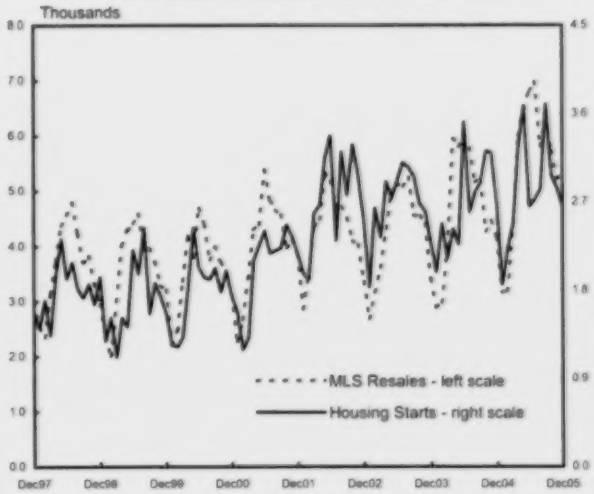

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	JANUARY - OCTOBER AVERAGE			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Number of Recipients, seasonally adj	29,404	22,844	-22.3	28,600	20,800	-27.3	27,280	20,540	-24.7

WAGES AND SALARIES ($000,000)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total, seasonally adjusted	52,574	56,900	8.2	5,926	6,467	9.1	5,964	6,517	9.3

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS ALL EMPLOYEES	JANUARY - OCTOBER AVERAGE			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
$/week, seasonally adjusted	727.16	765.75	5.3	735.37	777.72	5.8	737.33	783.13	6.2

INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS, NON-RESIDENTS ENTERING ALBERTA	JANUARY - OCTOBER			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total (includes same-day)	905,929	888,684	-1.9	108,170	103,672	-4.2	73,628	58,375	-20.7
Total (excludes same-day)	815,997	808,001	-1.0	96,435	92,745	-3.8	68,512	54,304	-20.7
U.S.A. (excludes same-day)	566,036	542,896	-4.1	64,529	56,860	-11.9	44,550	36,728	-17.6
United Kingdom	103,123	115,488	12.0	10,142	13,352	31.7	7,280	4,943	-32.1
Germany	26,900	32,942	22.5	4,432	4,469	0.8	2,162	1,276	-41.0
Japan	34,652	29,572	-14.7	7,878	7,966	1.1	8,373	5,960	-28.8
Netherlands	14,128	14,520	2.8	1,764	2,087	18.3	755	562	-25.6
Australia	8,451	10,160	20.2	1,086	1,199	10.4	810	574	-29.1
Switzerland	8,655	7,645	-11.7	511	636	24.5	367	293	-20.2
Mexico	4,731	4,774	0.9	306	587	91.8	349	409	17.2

Figures given are for non-residents entering Alberta directly. Consequently, actual totals will be understated since significant numbers of tourists enter via other provinces.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

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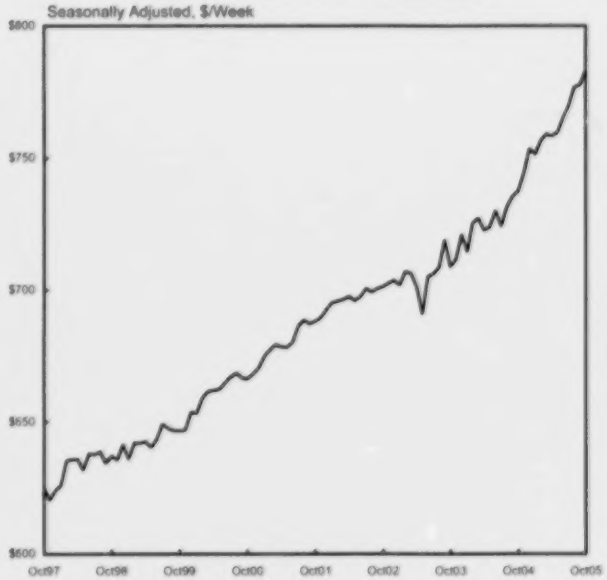


RETAIL TRADE ($000,000)	JANUARY - OCTOBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	SEPTEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	OCTOBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total All Stores, seasonally adjusted	35,905	40,216	12.0	3,663	4,121	12.9	3,765	4,139	9.9
Motor & Recreational Vehicles	9,829	11,484	16.8	1,048	1,141	10.5	984	1,047	6.3
Gasoline Service Stations	3,381	4,109	21.5	347	478	37.3	376	476	26.7
Furniture, Furnishings, Electronics	2,644	3,137	18.6	300	362	20.3	295	357	20.9
Building and Outdoor Home Supplies	2,187	2,460	12.5	243	268	11.6	230	259	12.5
Food and Beverage	7,999	8,404	5.1	802	872	8.3	838	872	4.0
Pharmacies and Personal Care	1,628	1,677	3.0	162	177	9.2	172	168	-2.4
Clothing and Accessories	1,785	1,957	9.6	200	227	14.4	204	216	6.0
General Merchandise	3,898	4,163	6.8	393	427	8.6	443	467	5.6
Miscellaneous Retailers	1,926	2,039	5.9	201	217	8.4	190	199	5.1

Note: The Total All Stores series is seasonally adjusted; the sales by store type series are not seasonally adjusted.

RESTAURANT, CATERER AND TAVERN RECEIPTS ($000,000)	JANUARY - OCTOBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	SEPTEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	OCTOBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total	3,451	3,707	7.4	334	368	10.2	352	381	8.3

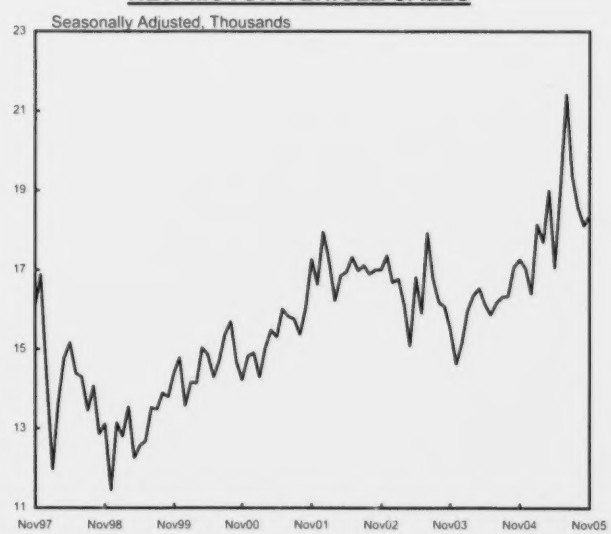
WHOLESALE TRADE ($000,000)	JANUARY - OCTOBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	SEPTEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	OCTOBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total All Merchants, seasonally adj.	38,842	45,192	16.4	3,982	4,693	17.9	4,100	4,777	16.5

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES	JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	OCTOBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	NOVEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total Number Sold, seasonally adj.	179,122	203,237	13.5	17,069	18,112	6.1	17,252	18,375	6.5
Total Number Sold, unadjusted	179,148	203,566	13.6	16,677	16,986	1.9	17,150	18,622	8.6
Passenger Vehicles	66,938	74,438	11.2	6,056	6,299	4.0	5,847	6,136	4.9
Commercial Vehicles	112,210	129,128	15.1	10,621	10,687	0.6	11,303	12,486	10.5

Note: Commercial vehicles include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans, coaches and buses. Passenger vehicles also include taxis and rental cars.

RETAIL AND WHOLESALE TRADE

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES



ENERGY PRODUCTION AND DELIVERIES	JANUARY - AUGUST			JULY			AUGUST		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Natural Gas									
Production (million m^3)	111,492	111,473	0.0	13,807	13,918	0.8	13,774	13,931	1.1
Deliveries (million m^3)	80,468	80,255	-0.3	9,825	10,295	4.8	9,548	10,503	10.0
Crude Oil and Equivalents*									
Production ('000 m^3)	67,599	63,455	-6.1	8,487	8,197	-3.4	8,810	8,462	-3.9
Deliveries ('000 m^3)	67,950	64,522	-5.0	8,824	8,600	-2.5	8,840	8,365	-5.4

*Includes Conventional Light/Medium and Heavy, Bitumen, Synthetic, Condensate and Pentanes Plus.

RIG ACTIVITY	JANUARY - DECEMBER AVERAGE			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Rig Counts									
Drilling	331	381	15.1	434	491	13.1	471	523	11.2
Available	540	569	5.4	599	589	-1.6	550	583	6.0

ENERGY PRICES	ANNUAL AVERAGES		2004			2005			Annual % Change
	2004	2005	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	
West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil Price (US$/Barrel)	41.39	56.57	45.85	48.58	43.30	62.28	58.31	59.40	37.2
Natural Gas Reference Price (C$/GJ)	5.98	n/a	5.21	6.58	6.70	11.38	n/a	n/a	118.4

Note: Annual % Change is a comparison of the latest month for which data are available with the same month of the previous year.

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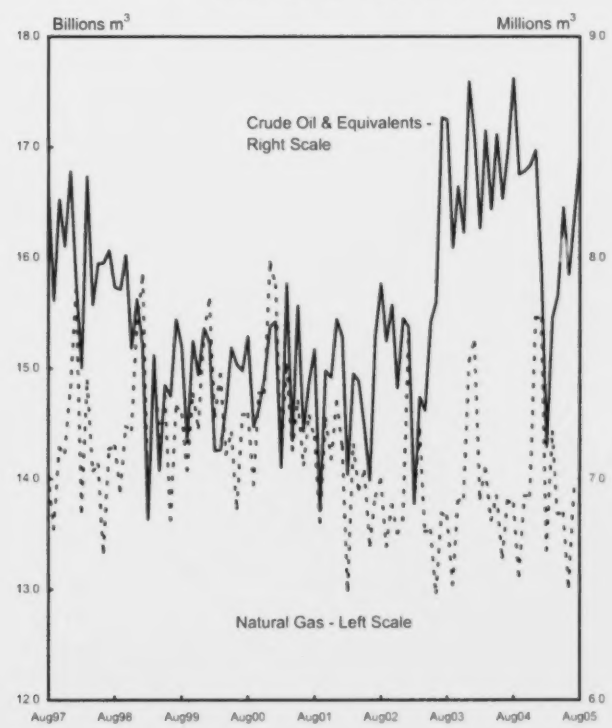

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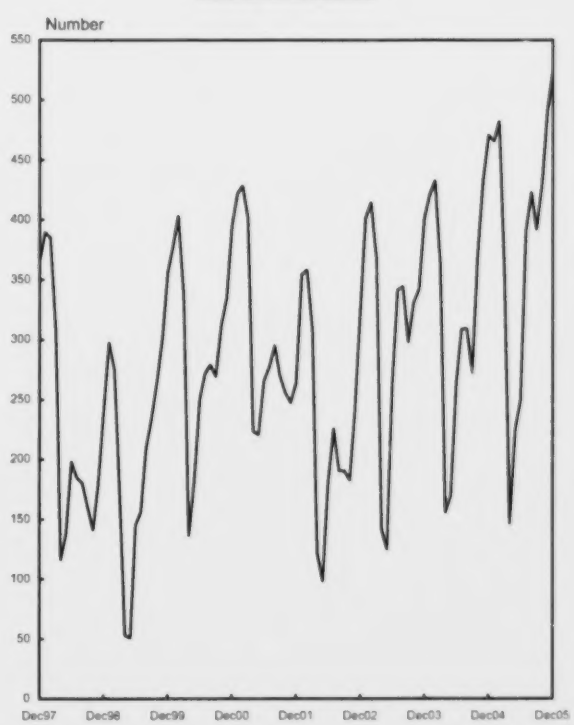

MANUFACTURING (Value of shipments of goods of own manufacture $000,000)	JANUARY - OCTOBER			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total, seasonally adjusted	43,427.0	48,656.6	12.0	4,509.2	5,017.4	11.3	4,548.8	5,054.7	11.1
Total, unadjusted	43,519.7	48,597.3	11.7	4,663.4	5,107.4	9.5	4,667.7	5,243.5	12.3
Food	7,621.7	7,257.7	-4.8	796.2	703.0	-11.7	764.1	659.6	-13.7
Beverage	737.1	789.8	7.1	83.4	79.5	-4.6	67.5	73.0	8.2
Plastics & Rubber Products	756.9	907.8	19.9	81.8	100.7	23.2	79.0	118.2	49.6
Primary Metal	1,697.5	2,025.0	19.3	179.7	189.7	5.5	196.7	210.7	7.1
Metal Fabricating	3,215.3	3,729.0	16.0	355.6	390.1	9.7	360.9	410.5	13.8
Printing & Publishing	542.0	577.2	6.5	50.7	58.9	16.1	61.5	64.2	4.3
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	1,407.9	1,707.7	21.3	168.8	218.1	29.2	180.0	222.0	23.3
Petroleum & Coal Products	8,162.2	10,517.7	28.9	930.9	1,180.3	26.8	1,019.1	1,166.4	14.5
Chemicals & Chemical Products	7,927.7	8,430.3	6.3	848.5	884.3	4.2	868.8	985.7	13.4
Wood	3,203.3	2,989.2	-6.7	353.0	285.5	-19.1	303.0	289.3	-4.5
Furniture and Fixtures	699.0	738.6	5.7	69.8	81.9	17.4	74.2	91.3	23.1
Paper & Allied	1,488.1	1,507.0	1.3	166.8	152.8	-8.4	141.0	154.9	9.8
Computers & Electronics	1,184.8	1,379.1	16.4	86.4	150.8	74.5	66.9	112.2	67.7
Transportation Equipment	615.7	701.6	14.0	56.5	65.8	16.4	60.9	71.2	17.0
Machinery	3,274.7	4,260.8	30.1	334.9	454.9	35.8	334.7	507.0	51.5
Other Manufacturing*	985.6	1,078.9	9.5	100.4	111.0	10.5	89.4	107.4	20.1

*Other Manufacturing is derived residually, by deducting the sum of the above industries from the total for all manufacturing

AGRICULTURE Farm Cash Receipts ($000,000)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER			APRIL - JUNE			JULY - SEPTEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total From Operations	5,938.9	5,793.5	-2.4	1,990.0	2,022.6	1.6	1,846.5	1,687.1	-8.6
Crops	1,889.2	1,674.3	-11.4	599.5	535.8	-10.6	576.8	457.0	-20.8
Wheat, other than Durum	559.0	443.4	-20.7	243.1	178.2	-26.7	139.5	98.7	-29.2
Durum Wheat	102.5	94.5	-7.8	41.9	52.1	24.3	33.1	28.5	-13.9
Barley	153.4	79.2	-48.4	58.0	25.4	-56.3	35.8	21.5	-40.1
Canola	531.6	481.7	-9.4	127.1	146.9	15.6	214.4	155.2	-27.6
Livestock	2,949.5	3,184.0	7.9	1,000.3	1,032.6	3.2	982.7	1,094.9	11.4
Cattle and Calves	1,893.5	2,136.1	12.8	640.8	681.1	6.3	599.3	737.5	23.1
Hogs	463.2	428.7	-7.4	179.3	159.2	-11.2	161.8	134.7	-16.7
Dairy Products	284.6	295.8	4.0	95.1	101.4	6.6	95.3	94.3	-1.1
Poultry	152.7	158.8	4.0	50.4	52.7	4.7	54.7	55.6	1.5

Note: Wheat, Durum Wheat and Barley receipts include Canadian Wheat Board payments

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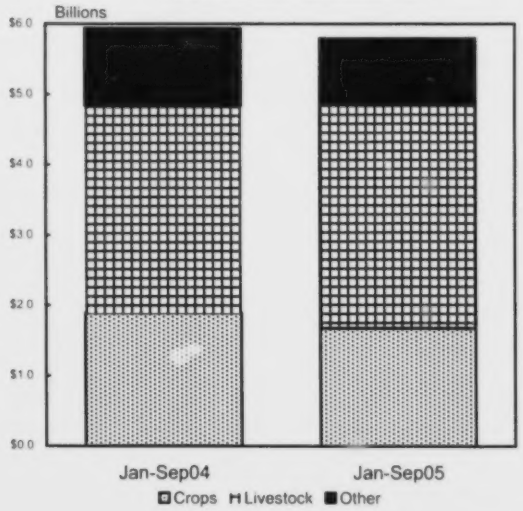

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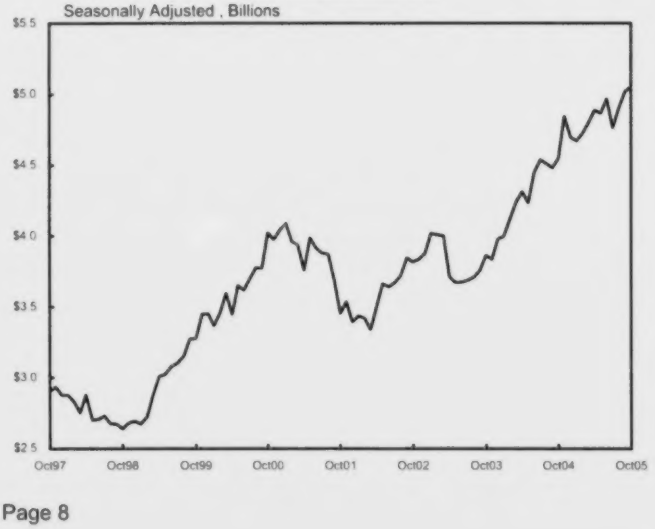

EXPORTS By Commodity Groups ($000,000)	JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2004	JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2005	JANUARY - NOVEMBER Per cent Change	OCTOBER 2004	OCTOBER 2005	OCTOBER Per cent Change	NOVEMBER 2004	NOVEMBER 2005	NOVEMBER Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total - all commodities	60,664.5	70,587.8	16.4	5,356.8	7,835.6	46.3	6,072.8	7,554.6	24.4
Agricultural Products	4,376.2	4,232.5	-3.3	395.7	441.8	11.7	395.8	429.9	8.6
Energy Products	41,531.9	50,405.7	21.4	3,563.4	5,936.5	66.6	4,365.4	5,683.2	30.2
Forestry Products	3,045.2	2,665.7	-12.5	252.4	249.2	-1.3	236.0	233.0	-1.3
Industrial Goods	7,136.7	8,556.8	19.9	735.5	785.8	6.8	688.2	771.9	12.2
Machinery and Equipment	3,490.5	3,527.3	1.1	310.4	306.3	-1.3	297.0	313.6	5.6
Automotive Products	367.0	445.2	21.3	34.9	44.1	26.4	30.1	43.7	45.2
Consumer Goods	157.8	172.1	9.1	16.0	17.8	11.3	13.2	17.8	34.8
Special Transactions	559.0	582.4	4.2	48.5	54.1	11.5	47.1	61.4	30.4

NOTE: Estimates in the "Commodities" table come from published sources; previous month estimates are not current and may not match estimates in the "Countries" table.

EXPORTS Top 10 Countries ($000,000)	JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2004	JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2005	JANUARY - NOVEMBER Per cent Change	OCTOBER 2004	OCTOBER 2005	OCTOBER Per cent Change	NOVEMBER 2004	NOVEMBER 2005	NOVEMBER Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total - all countries	60,664.5	70,587.8	16.4	5,356.8	7,865.7	46.8	6,072.8	7,554.6	24.4
United States	53,573.4	63,453.7	18.4	4,694.0	7,242.7	54.3	5,387.3	6,903.2	28.1
China	1,665.3	1,796.9	7.9	196.6	128.3	-34.8	149.1	115.5	-22.5
Japan	1,208.2	1,154.5	-4.4	97.7	124.4	27.3	100.9	110.5	9.6
Korea, South	375.0	491.5	31.1	37.5	27.4	-27.0	48.5	38.1	-21.4
Mexico	629.8	445.4	-29.3	66.5	52.5	-21.0	78.3	51.7	-34.0
United Kingdom	197.2	193.1	-2.1	24.3	15.8	-35.1	13.5	15.0	11.0
Belgium	184.7	193.0	4.5	32.5	11.2	-65.7	12.1	23.1	90.5
Netherlands	200.6	186.6	-7.0	14.0	4.3	-69.4	26.5	17.7	-33.3
Italy	135.5	153.2	13.0	7.8	11.8	51.1	12.4	7.3	-40.8
Taiwan	167.5	147.8	-11.8	9.9	15.1	53.5	12.5	10.3	-17.3
All Other Countries	2,327.2	2,372.2	1.9	175.9	232.3	32.0	231.8	262.1	13.1

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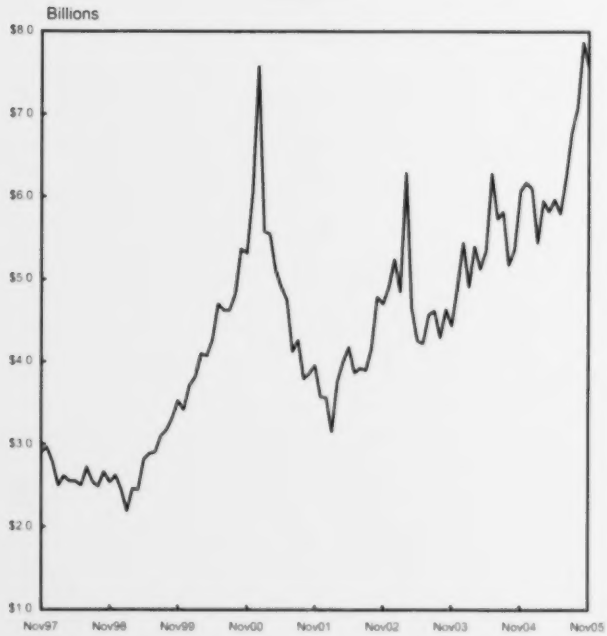

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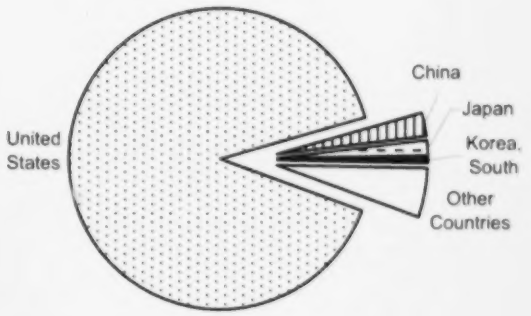

International & Interprovincial MIGRATION	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER			APRIL - JUNE			JULY - SEPTEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
International									
Immigration	13,200	15,152	14.8	4,606	5,201	12.9	4,521	5,594	23.7
Emigration	3,182	3,204	0.7	784	788	0.5	1,761	1,776	0.9
Temporarily abroad	2,260	2,257	-0.1	654	652	-0.3	1,006	1,006	0.0
Returning Canadians	1,685	1,685	0.0	523	523	0.0	788	788	0.0
Net international migration	9,443	11,376	20.5	3,691	4,284	16.1	2,542	3,600	41.6
Interprovincial									
In-migration	50,063	68,979	37.8	17,684	22,711	28.4	18,510	29,882	61.4
Out-migration	42,519	44,331	4.3	14,966	16,116	7.7	16,882	16,772	-0.7
Net interprovincial migration	7,544	24,648	226.7	2,718	6,595	142.6	1,628	13,110	705.3

The third quarter 2005 interprovincial migration figure to Alberta is seen as a anomaly. This issue has been discussed with Statistics Canada and can be traced to administrative files used in the calculation of interprovincial migration estimates. Users are cautioned that third quarter figures may be adjusted in future releases.

BANKRUPTCIES	JANUARY - NOVEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Business									
Number	1,432	1,115	-22.1	105	67	-36.2	106	59	-44.3
Value ($'000)	331,864	265,061	-20.1	15,478	14,120	-8.8	60,252	10,981	-81.8
Consumer (number)	8,121	7,129	-12.2	664	611	-8.0	737	585	-20.6

BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS	JANUARY - DECEMBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Number of Business Incorporations	34,317	40,325	17.5	2,970	3,659	23.2	3,020	3,801	25.9
Alberta Corporations	32,276	38,038	17.9	2,808	3,458	23.1	2,877	3,614	25.6
Non-Alberta Corporations	2,041	2,287	12.1	162	201	24.1	143	187	30.8

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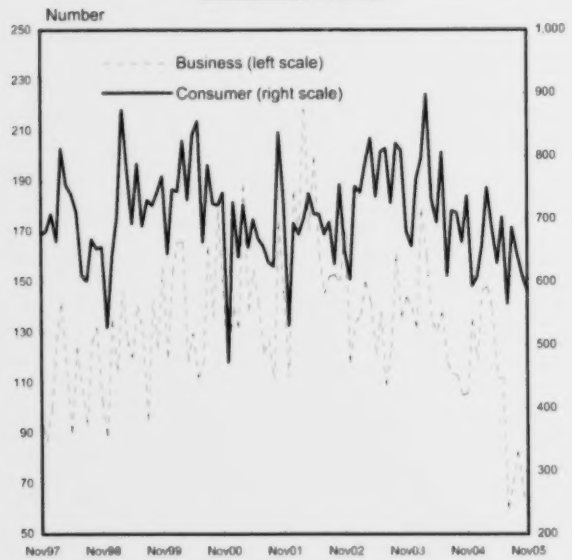

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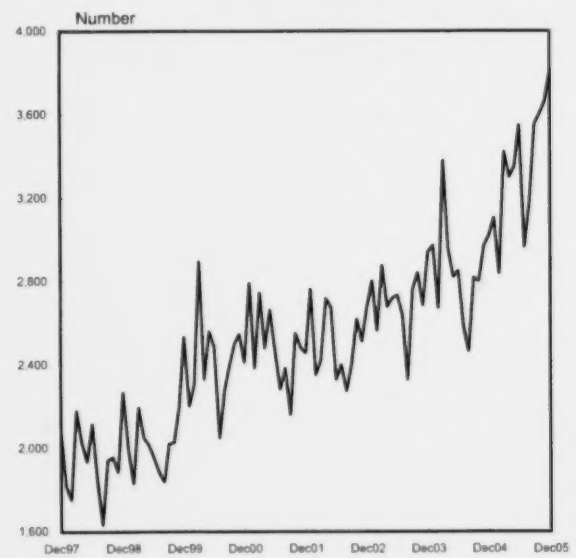

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)	ANNUAL RATES			2004	2005				% Change
	2002	2003	2004	NOV	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	NOV'04 - NOV'05
Alberta									
All Items	124.2	129.7	131.5	132.5	135.0	136.6	136.2	136.1	2.7
Food	120.4	122.1	123.9	125.4	127.4	125.3	127.2	126.8	1.1
Shelter	122.3	132.2	134.4	136.0	138.7	142.8	143.3	144.2	6.0
Energy	144.6	172.4	179.1	185.7	205.7	232.1	218.6	206.8	11.4
All Items, excl. Food and Energy	123.0	127.2	128.6	129.2	130.3	130.8	130.9	131.7	1.9
Edmonton	121.9	128.4	129.7	130.7	133.0	134.8	134.3	134.2	2.7
Calgary	125.8	130.2	132.5	133.5	135.9	137.3	137.0	136.9	2.5

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2000=100)	ANNUAL RATES			2004		2005			Annual
Selected Countries	2002	2003	2004	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP	% Change
Canada	104.9	107.8	109.7	109.9	110.0	112.3	112.7	n/a	2.5
United States	104.4	106.8	109.7	110.0	110.3	113.5	114.1	115.4	4.6
Germany	103.4	104.5	106.2	106.7	106.4	108.6	108.7	109.1	2.5
United Kingdom	103.5	106.5	109.7	110.1	110.5	112.9	113.1	113.4	2.6
France	103.6	105.8	108.0	108.3	108.4	110.3	110.8	n/a	2.3
Japan	98.3	98.1	98.1	98.0	98.3	97.6	97.7	n/a	-0.3

EXCHANGE RATES (in $Cdn)	ANNUAL RATES			2004	2005				% Change
	2002	2003	2004	DEC	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	DEC'04 - DEC'05
United States	1.5706	1.4010	1.3013	1.2191	1.1776	1.1776	1.1811	1.1610	5.0
Japan	0.0126	0.0121	0.0120	0.0117	0.0106	0.0103	0.0100	0.0098	19.8
European Monetary Union (EURO)	1.4838	1.5823	1.6169	1.6317	1.4409	1.4156	1.3922	1.3771	18.5
United Kingdom	2.3587	2.2877	2.3837	2.3502	2.1275	2.0784	2.0482	2.0277	15.9

INTEREST RATES (Prime Rates)	ANNUAL RATES			2004	2005				% Change
	2002	2003	2004	DEC	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	DEC'04 - DEC'05
Canada	4.20	4.70	4.00	4.25	4.50	4.75	4.75	5.00	0.75
United States	4.70	4.10	4.40	5.25	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.25	2.00

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ALBERTA

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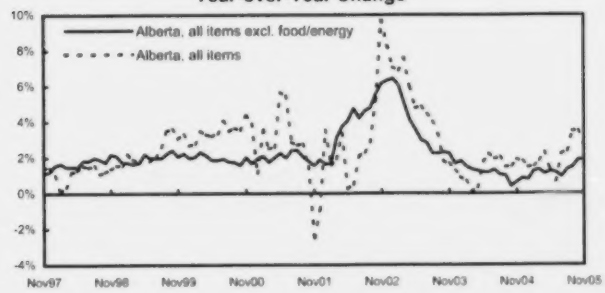

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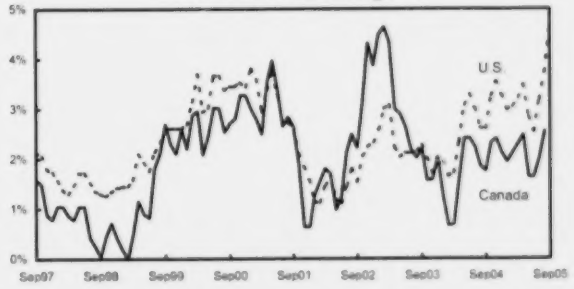

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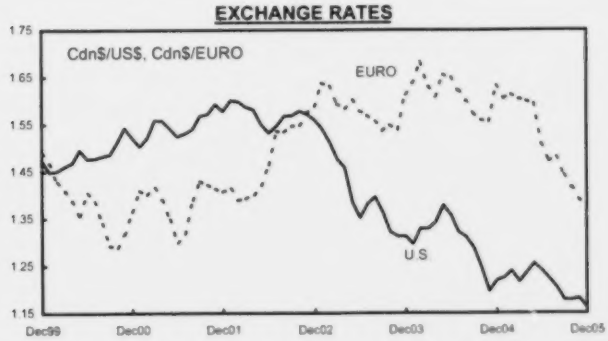

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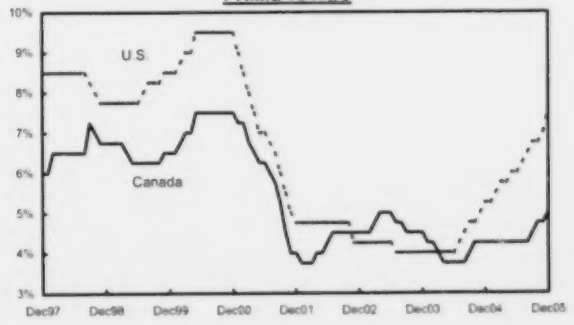

INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
POPULATION ('000s)											
OCTOBER 1, 2004	517	138	939	752	7,566	12,454	1,173	995	3,216	4,216	32,070
OCTOBER 1, 2005	516	138	938	752	7,617	12,590	1,178	993	3,281	4,271	32,378
Percent Change	-0.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.7	1.1	0.4	-0.2	2.0	1.3	1.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE* (%)											
DECEMBER 2004	14.4	10.4	8.9	9.4	8.6	6.8	5.0	5.3	4.4	6.2	7.0
DECEMBER 2005	15.5	10.9	8.5	9.6	8.2	6.2	4.2	5.3	4.1	5.1	6.5
EMPLOYED* ('000s)											
DECEMBER 2004	216	69	443	353	3,704	6,354	580	487	1,768	2,090	16,063
DECEMBER 2005	211	68	442	356	3,755	6,429	584	480	1,801	2,169	16,296
Percent Change	-2.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.9	1.4	1.2	0.7	-1.5	1.8	3.8	1.4
EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE* (Number of Beneficiaries)											
OCTOBER 2004	37,960	8,630	30,060	34,310	174,150	130,290	12,570	11,040	27,280	55,860	523,970
OCTOBER 2005	38,500	8,400	28,990	34,230	174,430	127,920	11,770	10,490	20,540	48,500	505,310
Percent Change	1.4	-2.7	-3.6	-0.2	0.2	-1.8	-6.4	-5.0	-24.7	-13.2	-3.6

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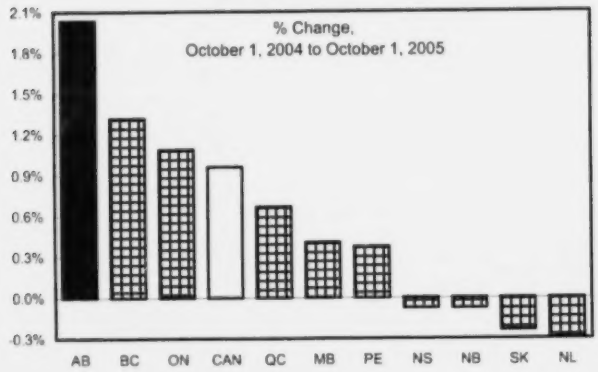

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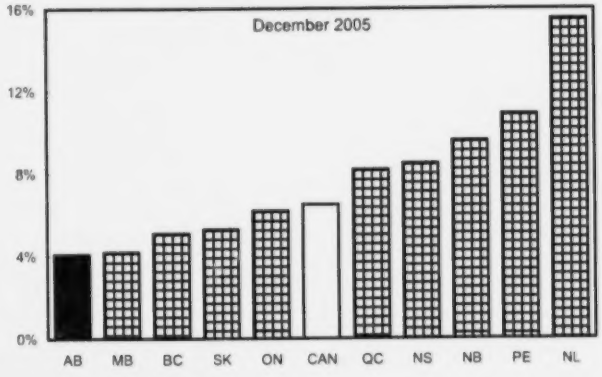

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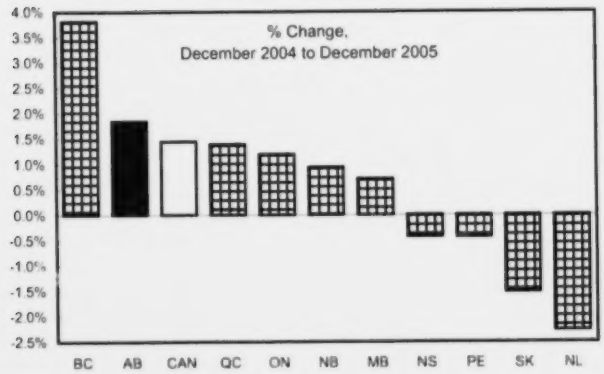

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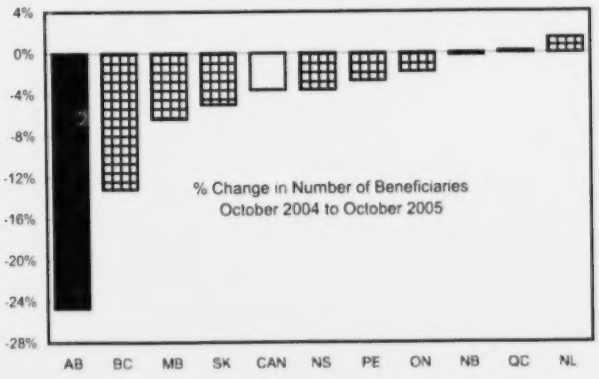

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)											
NOVEMBER 2004	124.5	127.3	127.8	125.7	121.8	126.6	129.5	131.3	132.5	123.7	125.7
NOVEMBER 2005	126.9	130.3	130.7	128.3	124.2	129.1	132.0	132.8	136.1	126.2	128.2
Percent Change	1.9	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.1	2.7	2.0	2.0
RETAIL TRADE* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2004	4,771	1,154	8,583	6,595	65,156	107,147	9,720	8,514	35,905	39,216	287,739
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2005	4,893	1,188	8,817	6,994	69,367	112,547	10,397	9,224	40,216	41,569	306,275
Percent Change	2.6	2.9	2.7	6.1	6.5	5.0	7.0	8.3	12.0	6.0	6.4
WHOLESALE TRADE* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2004	2,080	494	5,292	4,370	71,053	193,155	8,919	9,766	38,842	36,036	370,251
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2005	2,144	458	5,230	4,097	75,589	197,560	10,434	11,316	45,192	39,224	391,515
Percent Change	3.1	-7.1	-1.2	-6.3	6.4	2.3	17.0	15.9	16.4	8.8	5.7
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES* (Number)											
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2004	21,001	4,288	41,586	31,736	371,522	551,145	41,570	35,685	179,122	166,350	1,444,003
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2005	22,608	4,538	42,765	31,258	377,355	569,742	42,455	35,895	203,237	171,476	1,501,326
Percent Change	7.7	5.8	2.8	-1.5	1.6	3.4	2.1	0.6	13.5	3.1	4.0

Note: New Motor Vehicle Sales for British Columbia include automobile sales for the Canadian Territories.

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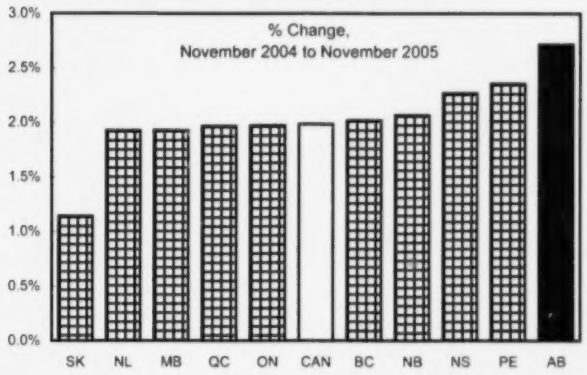

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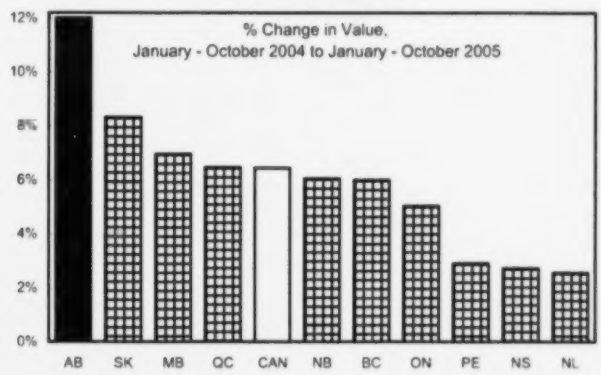

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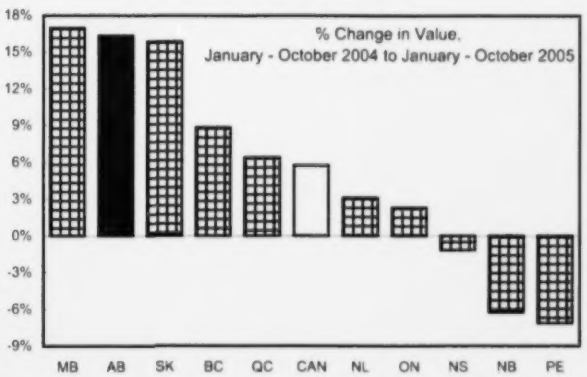

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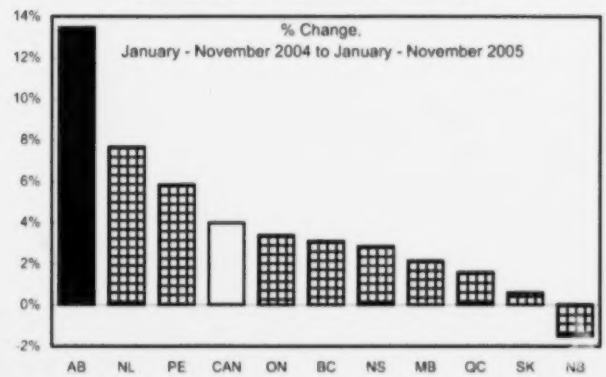

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
BUILDING PERMITS* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2004	464	206	1,046	752	10,805	21,367	1,054	717	6,665	7,489	50,564
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2005	472	233	1,093	786	10,695	21,578	1,053	826	9,249	9,428	55,413
Percent Change	1.8	13.1	4.5	4.5	-1.0	1.0	-0.1	15.2	38.8	25.9	9.6
URBAN HOUSING STARTS (Number)											
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	2,091	603	3,314	2,642	46,721	79,894	2,918	3,114	32,188	30,874	204,389
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005	1,761	554	3,257	2,669	41,252	73,177	2,879	2,502	34,301	31,043	193,395
Percent Change	-15.8	-8.1	-1.7	1.0	-11.7	-8.4	-1.3	-19.7	6.6	0.5	-5.4
MANUFACTURING* (value of shipments of goods of own manufacture, $000,000)											
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2004	2,559	1,184	7,707	11,610	114,665	258,319	10,395	7,965	43,427	35,089	492,991
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2005	2,516	1,227	8,188	12,637	119,902	261,683	10,887	8,547	48,657	35,609	509,938
Percent Change	-1.7	3.6	6.2	8.8	4.6	1.3	4.7	7.3	12.0	1.5	3.4
AGRICULTURE (Farm Cash Receipts from farming operations $000,000)											
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2004	63	256	332	300	4,650	6,283	2,801	4,230	5,939	1,669	26,523
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2005	67	262	340	299	4,874	6,667	2,749	4,474	5,794	1,831	27,355
Percent Change	6.8	2.6	2.6	-0.5	4.8	6.1	-1.9	5.8	-2.4	9.7	3.1

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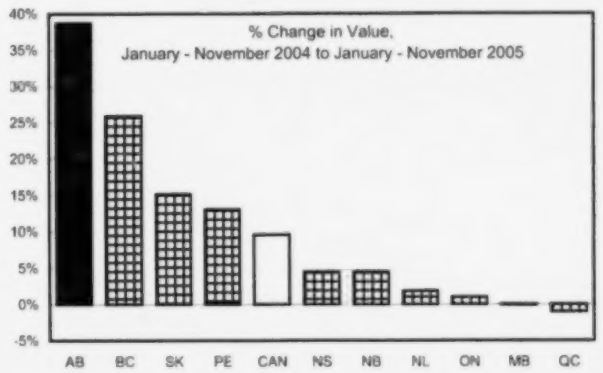

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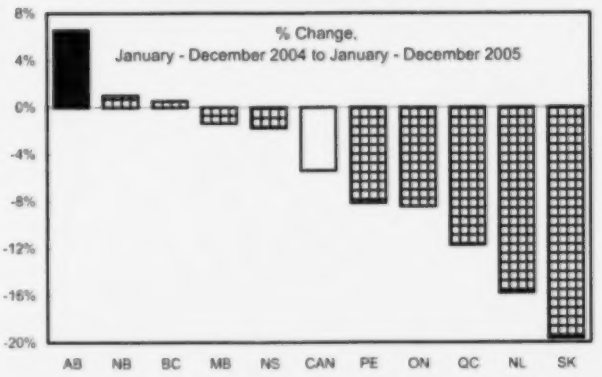

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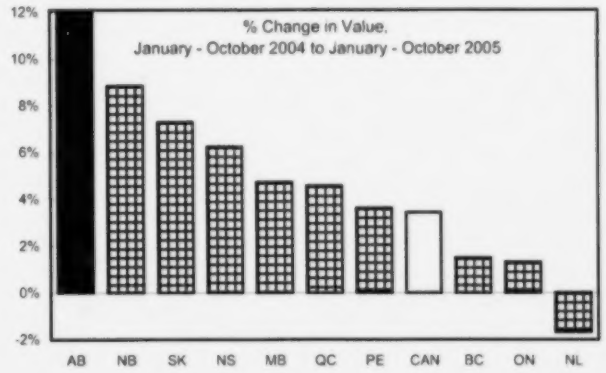

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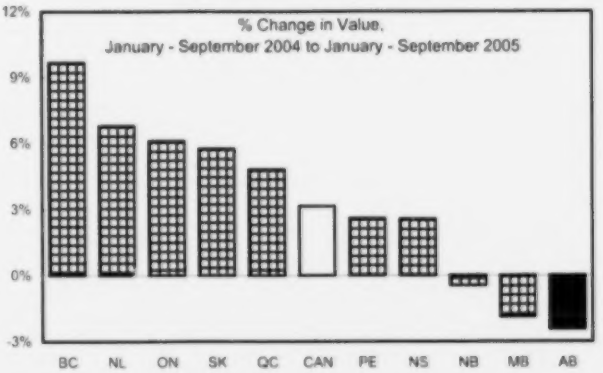

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
EXPORTS ($000,000)											
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2004	4,155	595	5,042	8,699	59,540	165,349	8,798	11,248	60,665	28,502	354,417
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2005	4,147	729	5,061	9,874	61,194	165,779	9,107	12,668	70,588	31,057	371,603
Percent Change	-0.2	22.5	0.4	13.5	2.8	0.3	3.5	12.6	16.4	9.0	4.8
WAGES AND SALARIES* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2004	4,781	1,352	9,978	7,810	89,057	178,081	13,067	10,430	52,574	50,933	420,256
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2005	5,004	1,416	10,504	8,047	92,365	186,098	13,678	11,005	56,900	53,838	441,222
Percent Change	4.7	4.7	5.3	3.0	3.7	4.5	4.7	5.5	8.2	5.7	5.0
CONSUMER BANKRUPTCIES (Number)											
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2004	2,171	231	3,446	2,390	21,522	28,395	2,136	2,039	8,121	7,781	78,285
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2005	2,518	293	3,739	2,410	21,775	28,904	2,299	1,946	7,129	7,657	78,739
Percent Change	16.0	26.8	8.5	0.8	1.2	1.8	7.6	-4.6	-12.2	-1.6	0.6
BUSINESS BANKRUPTCIES (Number)											
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2004	52	34	239	193	1,810	2,341	160	346	1,432	841	7,461
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2005	53	36	252	182	1,584	2,521	139	340	1,115	726	6,958
Percent Change	1.9	5.9	5.4	-5.7	-12.5	7.7	-13.1	-1.7	-22.1	-13.7	-6.7

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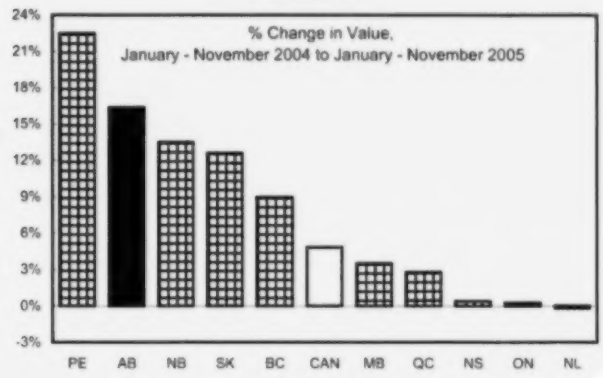

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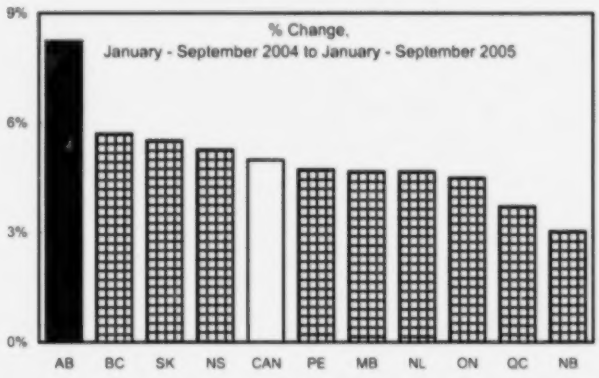

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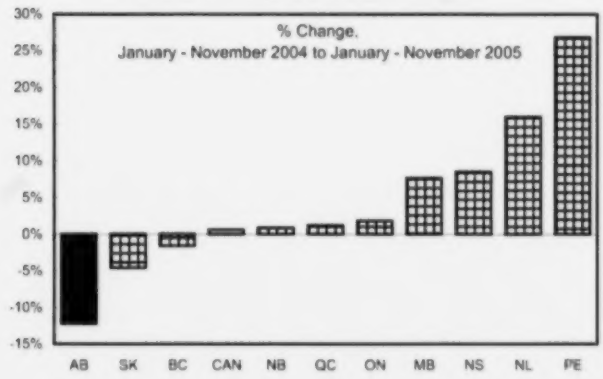

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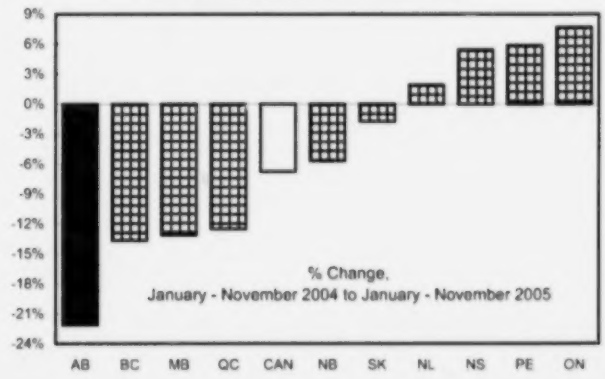

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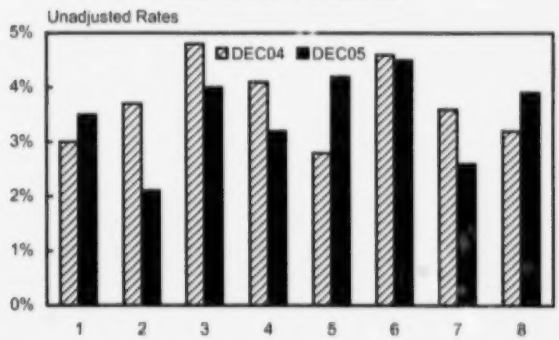
REGIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

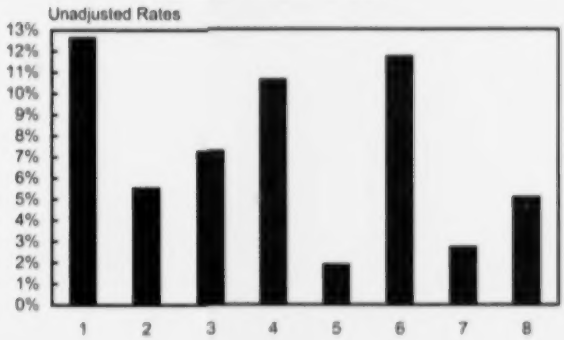
LABOUR FORCE, ALBERTA REGIONS (unadjusted, 3-month moving average)	DEC04	DEC05
Labour Force (000s)		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	60.5	62.3
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	122.7	131.5
3) Edmonton Region	612.1	593.0
4) Red Deer Region	91.0	98.0
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	46.5	47.9
6) Calgary Region	671.4	691.1
7) Camrose - Drumheller	104.0	105.0
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	137.2	140.3
Employed (000s)		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	58.7	60.0
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	118.0	128.6
3) Edmonton Region	582.5	569.2
4) Red Deer Region	87.3	94.9
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	45.2	45.9
6) Calgary Region	640.3	660.1
7) Camrose - Drumheller	100.3	102.3
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	132.8	134.7
Unemployment Rate		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	3.0%	3.5%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	3.7%	2.1%
3) Edmonton Region	4.8%	4.0%
4) Red Deer Region	4.1%	3.2%
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	2.8%	4.2%
6) Calgary Region	4.6%	4.5%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	3.6%	2.6%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	3.2%	3.9%
Participation Rate		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	75.1%	74.8%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	72.3%	76.3%
3) Edmonton Region	72.9%	69.1%
4) Red Deer Region	70.9%	74.3%
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	73.7%	75.8%
6) Calgary Region	74.2%	74.2%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	71.6%	71.4%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	71.7%	72.4%

Population (July/2005)	
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	118,174
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	238,435
3) Edmonton Region	1,058,655
4) Red Deer Region	170,392
5) Banff - Jasper	83,793
6) Calgary Region	1,141,996
7) Camrose - Drumheller	190,410
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	254,961
5-year Population Growth (2000-2005)	
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	12.6%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	5.5%
3) Edmonton Region	7.2%
4) Red Deer Region	10.6%
5) Banff - Jasper	1.9%
6) Calgary Region	11.7%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	2.7%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	5.1%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ALBERTA REGIONS



5-YEAR POPULATION GROWTH RATE, ALBERTA REGIONS



REGIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The Inventory of Major Alberta Projects tracks projects valued at $2 million or greater that are planned, underway, or have been recently completed. Project data is obtained from public and private sources.

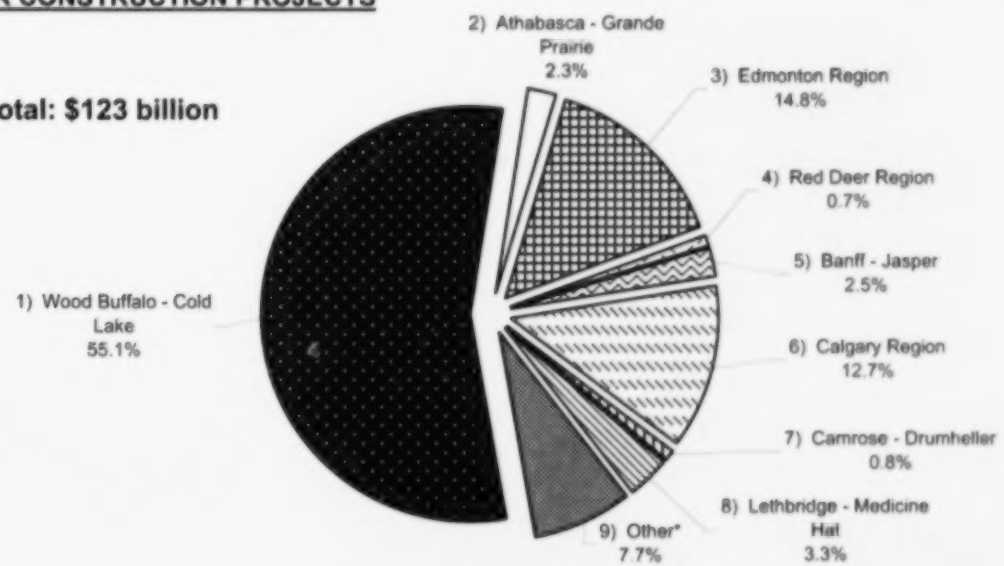
Major Construction Projects	DECEMBER 2005
	Investment ($ 000,000)
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	67,849.7
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	2,829.3
3) Edmonton Region	18,172.6
4) Red Deer Region	877.9
5) Banff - Jasper	3,060.2
6) Calgary Region	15,637.0
7) Camrose - Drumheller	1,024.8
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	4,098.9
9) Other*	9,496.1
Total	123,046.5

**Projects that cannot be allocated to just one region, e.g. pipelines, highways, etc.*

BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000)	JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	OCTOBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	NOVEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	315.1	751.2	138.4	65.1	141.0	116.5	38.1	79.5	108.5
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	473.2	571.6	20.8	52.5	34.9	-33.5	85.4	72.3	-15.4
3) Edmonton Region	1,951.7	2,727.4	39.7	191.9	349.7	82.2	233.7	238.1	1.9
4) Red Deer Region	384.3	495.0	28.8	42.8	48.9	14.4	36.5	34.7	-4.8
5) Banff - Jasper	207.6	235.7	13.5	31.1	18.8	-39.4	4.7	26.2	460.2
6) Calgary Region	2,882.0	3,870.4	34.3	260.6	325.1	24.8	265.1	403.4	52.2
7) Camrose - Drumheller	237.0	316.0	33.3	16.9	21.6	27.3	26.6	30.8	15.7
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	364.3	387.0	6.2	26.4	46.1	74.8	31.5	29.0	-7.9
Total	6,815.2	9,354.2	37.3	687.3	986.1	43.5	721.5	913.9	26.7

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Total: $123 billion


2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie 2.3%
3) Edmonton Region 14.8%
4) Red Deer Region 0.7%
5) Banff - Jasper 2.5%
6) Calgary Region 12.7%
7) Camrose - Drumheller 0.8%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat 3.3%
9) Other* 7.7%
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake 55.1%

Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series - Alberta

	Unemployment Rate* (%)	Employed* (000's)	Building Permits ($000,000)			Dwelling Starts (#, urban)	MLS Housing Resales (#)	Employment Insurance Beneficiaries*	Wages and Salaries* ($000,000)
			Alberta	Calgary	Edmonton				
1996	7.0	1,404	2,883	1,140	656	12,475	37,485	44,542	38,662
1997	5.9	1,450	4,446	1,828	879	18,938	43,693	30,358	43,823
1998	5.6	1,508	5,552	2,486	1,167	21,725	43,383	33,005	47,650
1999	5.7	1,543	4,802	1,917	1,124	20,216	42,684	35,962	49,264
2000	5.0	1,584	5,296	2,287	1,249	21,506	43,311	27,391	54,624
2001	4.7	1,630	5,912	2,309	1,462	24,457	48,989	25,559	61,355
Jan02	4.9	1,651	405	148	153	1,974	3,524	29,850	5,271
Feb02	5.1	1,641	392	160	95	1,911	4,367	31,040	5,204
Mar02	5.0	1,653	550	224	133	2,585	4,487	31,670	5,209
Apr02	5.3	1,655	633	301	134	2,669	5,314	32,510	5,239
May02	6.0	1,657	667	276	130	3,149	5,178	33,090	5,271
Jun02	5.3	1,667	669	277	150	3,373	4,745	32,560	5,262
Jul02	5.4	1,687	761	275	181	2,307	4,711	31,950	5,268
Aug02	5.1	1,689	619	218	196	3,211	4,508	32,280	5,273
Sep02	5.6	1,677	622	217	172	2,770	4,143	33,170	5,300
Oct02	5.6	1,682	591	225	167	3,285	4,029	34,850	5,340
Nov02	5.2	1,694	473	184	158	2,984	3,353	33,890	5,380
Dec02	4.9	1,703	465	208	129	2,511	2,683	33,010	5,383
Average/Sum	5.3	1,671	6,847	2,714	1,797	32,729	51,042	32,489	63,400
Jan03	5.4	1,697	473	248	133	1,833	3,165	32,950	5,431
Feb03	4.9	1,704	408	214	94	2,636	3,612	32,740	5,431
Mar03	5.1	1,696	481	203	138	2,338	4,318	33,360	5,449
Apr03	5.6	1,700	572	238	140	2,908	4,990	34,380	5,433
May03	5.6	1,710	647	249	178	2,739	5,129	35,350	5,436
Jun03	5.2	1,715	839	406	177	2,921	5,086	35,090	5,468
Jul03	4.9	1,720	611	185	200	3,103	5,249	35,460	5,528
Aug03	5.3	1,721	560	261	131	3,050	4,561	34,570	5,548
Sep03	4.8	1,726	564	197	147	2,962	4,536	34,080	5,605
Oct03	4.8	1,738	612	239	161	2,682	4,402	33,580	5,611
Nov03	4.8	1,738	455	201	132	2,605	3,402	32,780	5,640
Dec03	4.7	1,746	446	180	136	2,288	2,884	31,910	5,687
Average/Sum	5.1	1,717	6,667	2,819	1,767	32,066	51,334	33,854	66,266
Jan04	4.9	1,739	347	126	135	1,985	2,980	30,660	5,718
Feb04	5.1	1,746	382	189	91	2,481	3,972	31,160	5,753
Mar04	4.7	1,748	664	294	171	2,124	5,942	30,410	5,791
Apr04	4.3	1,759	712	334	179	2,425	5,814	29,580	5,818
May04	4.3	1,757	720	243	207	2,268	5,993	28,240	5,835
Jun04	4.5	1,759	681	231	213	3,516	5,784	29,360	5,877
Jul04	4.6	1,753	702	300	194	2,596	5,283	29,340	5,892
Aug04	4.5	1,767	617	232	157	2,797	5,200	29,410	5,926
Sep04	4.7	1,771	581	212	141	2,895	4,721	28,600	5,964
Oct04	4.7	1,765	687	234	189	3,222	4,457	27,280	5,982
Nov04	4.6	1,766	722	242	225	3,202	4,148	26,910	6,061
Dec04	4.4	1,768	512	218	126	2,677	3,166	26,330	6,120
Average/Sum	4.6	1,758	7,327	2,857	2,028	32,188	57,460	28,940	70,738
Jan05	4.4	1,775	513	158	195	1,854	3,187	26,230	6,122
Feb05	4.2	1,776	548	236	143	2,215	4,373	25,080	6,173
Mar05	3.5	1,782	995	527	211	2,480	6,005	24,320	6,248
Apr05	4.0	1,784	998	370	255	3,269	6,479	23,150	6,269
May05	3.5	1,788	940	350	230	3,681	6,816	21,840	6,323
Jun05	3.8	1,783	892	330	286	2,655	6,976	22,200	6,350
Jul05	3.6	1,789	877	327	294	2,728	5,816	20,170	6,429
Aug05	3.9	1,787	907	316	269	2,831	6,338	**24,110**	6,467
Sep05	4.1	1,784	784	268	212	3,698	5,725	**20,800**	6,517
Oct05	4.0	1,795	**986**	**292**	**346**	2,978	5,221	**20,540**	
Nov05	4.1	1,795	**914**	**368**	**236**	2,842	**5,296**		
Dec05	**4.1**	**1,801**				2,663			
Average/Sum	**3.9**	**1,787**				33,894			

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Selected Series - Alberta

	Average Weekly Earnings* ($)	International Travellers (#, direct entries)**	Retail Trade* ($000,000)	Rest., Caterer & Tavern Rec. ($000,000)	Wholesale Trade* ($000,000)	New Motor Vehicle Sales* (#)	Energy Production	
							Oil/Equiv. (Tsds m^3)	Gas (Mlns m^3)
1996	597.16	777,708	23,816	2,634	**25,394**	133,765	90,353	167,236
1997	618.56	787,755	27,134	3,000	**31,464**	167,673	93,976	168,094
1998	635.70	848,465	28,295	2,901	**30,754**	163,397	94,676	172,644
1999	644.83	874,620	29,454	3,017	**31,135**	160,838	89,066	175,279
2000	664.27	880,729	31,738	3,328	**34,847**	175,545	89,136	176,146
2001	683.43	845,325	34,560	3,688	**37,258**	187,862	89,365	174,094
Jan02	695.20	35,849	3,119	288	**3,245**	17,941	7,642	14,288
Feb02	695.76	41,273	3,049	284	**3,128**	17,236	7,020	12,994
Mar02	696.39	55,342	3,009	323	**3,114**	16,224	7,476	14,308
Apr02	697.46	37,483	3,094	320	**3,169**	16,849	7,443	13,906
May02	695.96	62,974	3,119	334	**3,129**	16,936	7,234	14,068
Jun02	697.45	101,239	3,172	318	**3,154**	17,310	6,993	13,403
Jul02	700.45	153,478	3,129	338	**3,196**	16,973	7,648	13,845
Aug02	699.22	126,646	3,165	330	**3,269**	17,101	7,880	13,995
Sep02	700.47	78,482	3,158	305	**3,290**	16,888	7,624	13,390
Oct02	701.27	46,210	3,198	323	**3,274**	17,000	7,786	13,766
Nov02	702.48	31,690	3,230	317	**3,321**	16,994	7,412	13,510
Dec02	703.58	55,718	3,221	326	**3,469**	17,353	7,727	13,631
Average/Sum	698.81	826,384	37,663	3,806	**38,758**	204,805	89,885	165,102
Jan03	701.84	40,855	**3,233**	293	**3,462**	16,674	7,687	15,329
Feb03	706.89	44,729	**3,246**	290	**3,461**	16,765	6,891	13,779
Mar03	706.31	52,588	**3,214**	322	**3,422**	16,117	7,369	14,444
Apr03	701.19	42,506	**3,226**	322	**3,274**	15,080	7,310	13,523
May03	690.99	56,432	**3,228**	348	**3,412**	16,801	7,713	13,532
Jun03	705.08	103,404	**3,260**	326	**3,480**	15,913	7,800	12,968
Jul03	706.03	145,718	**3,302**	348	**3,504**	17,916	8,634	13,692
Aug03	708.63	115,427	**3,343**	338	**3,470**	16,791	8,626	13,660
Sep03	718.87	71,269	**3,282**	313	**3,498**	16,180	8,047	13,044
Oct03	708.84	45,335	**3,305**	341	**3,611**	16,076	8,323	13,793
Nov03	711.70	33,853	**3,328**	329	**3,621**	15,512	8,116	13,834
Dec03	720.84	54,191	**3,351**	335	**3,653**	14,624	8,797	15,073
Average/Sum	707.27	806,307	**39,318**	3,904	**41,868**	194,449	95,311	166,671
Jan04	714.60	37,117	**3,385**	314	**3,672**	15,150	8,547	**15,234**
Feb04	725.28	43,930	**3,567**	313	**3,739**	15,968	8,134	**13,826**
Mar04	727.15	51,994	**3,584**	347	**3,831**	16,340	8,575	**14,091**
Apr04	722.61	42,699	**3,564**	349	**3,811**	16,526	8,220	**13,628**
May04	723.77	64,476	**3,574**	361	**3,887**	16,136	8,558	**13,847**
Jun04	729.86	105,835	**3,594**	345	**3,879**	15,867	8,267	**13,286**
Jul04	724.24	172,370	**3,609**	373	**3,839**	16,169	8,487	**13,807**
Aug04	731.35	132,629	**3,598**	364	**4,102**	16,309	8,810	**13,774**
Sep04	735.37	96,435	**3,663**	334	**3,982**	16,336	8,378	**13,125**
Oct04	737.33	68,512	**3,765**	352	**4,100**	17,069	8,393	**13,846**
Nov04	744.16	42,492	**3,752**	343	**4,131**	17,252	8,418	**13,850**
Dec04	753.37	54,831	**3,714**	349	**4,248**	17,032	8,484	**15,462**
Average/Sum	730.76	913,320	**43,372**	4,143	**47,221**	196,154	101,272	**167,774**
Jan05	751.40	42,642	**3,778**	335	**4,203**	16,398	7,941	**15,451**
Feb05	756.66	56,946	**3,877**	338	**4,329**	18,138	7,144	**13,353**
Mar05	759.02	56,457	**3,903**	376	**4,406**	17,699	7,728	**14,425**
Apr05	758.27	35,705	**4,006**	381	**4,609**	18,986	7,832	**13,683**
May05	759.61	65,436	**4,046**	375	**4,583**	17,054	8,226	**13,687**
Jun05	765.10	116,196	**4,032**	382	**4,518**	19,117	7,925	**13,024**
Jul05	769.75	164,956	**4,154**	390	**4,495**	21,409	8,197	**13,918**
Aug05	776.80	122,614	**4,161**	379	**4,580**	**19,377**	**8,462**	**13,931**
Sep05	**777.72**	92,745	**4,121**	**368**	**4,693**	**18,572**		
Oct05	**783.13**	**54,304**	**4,139**	**381**	**4,777**	**18,112**		
Nov05						**18,375**		
Dec05								
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Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series - Alberta

	Rigs	Energy Prices		Manufacturing	International	Bankruptcies		Incorporations	
	Drilling	WTI Crude	Gas	Shipments*	Exports	Business	Consumer	Alberta	Non-Alberta
	(#)	(US$/barrel)	(C$/GJ)	($000,000)	($000,000)	(#)	(#)	(#)	(#)
1996	244	22.01	1.54	30,677	31,712	2,008	9,936	20,489	1,768
1997	310	20.61	1.87	34,184	33,498	1,460	9,913	24,343	1,840
1998	218	14.43	1.84	32,840	31,027	1,349	8,108	21,484	1,881
1999	210	19.24	2.35	37,096	34,648	1,553	8,782	22,762	1,786
2000	296	30.20	4.27	44,430	55,382	1,709	8,847	27,001	1,970
2001	298	25.90	5.12	45,480	56,926	1,688	8,121	27,907	1,955
Jan02	354	19.73	3.17	3,436	3,567	186	693	2,590	172
Feb02	358	20.75	2.71	3,420	3,148	169	676	2,188	165
Mar02	307	24.48	3.23	3,340	3,741	224	701	2,220	202
Apr02	122	26.31	3.91	3,499	3,963	170	740	2,557	161
May02	98	26.94	3.91	3,662	4,175	200	708	2,500	174
Jun02	180	25.58	3.54	3,643	3,855	161	708	2,175	154
Jul02	226	26.95	3.17	3,670	3,919	145	676	2,238	163
Aug02	191	28.20	2.93	3,719	3,887	152	695	2,137	138
Sep02	190	29.67	3.51	3,845	4,150	153	629	2,236	164
Oct02	183	28.86	4.27	3,816	4,771	150	755	2,422	196
Nov02	241	26.19	4.85	3,835	4,687	170	648	2,353	160
Dec02	325	29.39	4.94	3,875	4,879	118	605	2,525	152
Average/Sum	231	26.09	3.68	43,761	48,742	1,998	8,234	28,141	2,001
Jan03	402	32.70	5.88	4,018	5,235	134	752	2,648	156
Feb03	414	35.73	6.83	4,007	4,825	137	742	2,389	176
Mar03	369	33.16	8.94	4,002	6,251	150	790	2,700	175
Apr03	141	28.14	5.88	3,713	4,644	142	828	2,531	147
May03	125	28.07	5.73	3,671	4,243	121	736	2,580	140
Jun03	261	30.52	5.93	3,675	4,200	138	807	2,568	164
Jul03	341	30.70	5.58	3,687	4,529	109	812	2,465	174
Aug03	344	31.60	5.08	3,711	4,574	124	726	2,200	130
Sep03	298	28.31	5.19	3,756	4,262	161	820	2,613	148
Oct03	331	30.35	4.92	3,865	4,582	136	809	2,682	160
Nov03	342	31.06	4.60	3,837	4,440	144	681	2,536	150
Dec03	401	32.14	5.11	3,978	4,873	140	657	2,768	171
Average/Sum	314	31.04	5.81	45,919	56,659	1,636	9,160	30,680	1,891
Jan04	421	34.22	6.10	3,998	5,445	132	763	2,799	173
Feb04	433	34.43	5.83	4,117	4,912	179	797	2,488	185
Mar04	364	36.72	5.49	4,241	5,396	160	897	3,174	205
Apr04	156	36.62	5.64	4,312	5,131	134	732	2,795	165
May04	170	40.26	6.28	4,233	5,341	131	695	2,649	174
Jun04	263	38.07	6.47	4,448	6,278	138	806	2,669	181
Jul04	308	40.70	6.17	4,537	5,734	118	611	2,428	156
Aug04	309	44.88	5.99	4,509	5,818	114	713	2,303	163
Sep04	272	45.85	5.21	4,483	5,177	113	710	2,642	177
Oct04	370	53.09	5.29	4,549	5,357	105	664	2,644	157
Nov04	434	48.58	6.58	4,843	6,073	106	737	2,808	162
Dec04	471	43.30	6.70	4,695	6,172	135	594	2,877	143
Average/Sum	331	41.39	5.98	52,966	66,836	1,565	8,719	32,276	2,041
Jan05	466	46.92	6.02	4,671	6,102	119	610	2,932	172
Feb05	482	48.05	5.94	4,725	**5,447**	147	658	2,662	177
Mar05	360	54.62	6.30	4,798	**5,953**	148	750	3,226	195
Apr05	146	53.22	6.79	4,889	**5,823**	139	685	3,119	181
May05	224	50.05	6.51	4,866	**5,965**	112	630	3,139	213
Jun05	250	56.41	6.34	4,968	**5,799**	112	703	3,347	201
Jul05	391	59.01	6.87	4,763	**6,226**	60	566	2,777	189
Aug05	423	65.00	7.45	4,905	**6,777**	70	687	2,999	181
Sep05	392	65.62	9.46	5,017	**7,076**	83	645	3,361	191
Oct05	430	62.28	**11.38**	5,055	**7,866**	67	611	3,404	199
Nov05	491	58.31			**7,555**	**59**	**585**	3,458	201
Dec05	**523**	**59.40**						**3,614**	**184**
Average/Sum	**381**	**56.57**						**38,038**	**2,284**

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Selected Series

	Consumer Price Index (1992 = 100)			Consumer Price Index (2000 = 100)		Exchange Rates		Prime Rates	
	Alberta	Edmonton	Calgary	Canada	U.S	(Cdn$/US$)	(Cdn$/EURO)	Canada (%)	U.S. (%)
1996	107.3	106.8	107.4	93.8	91.3	1.3635	N/A	6.06	8.27
1997	109.5	108.7	109.7	95.3	93.4	1.3844	N/A	4.96	8.46
1998	110.7	109.7	111.3	96.0	94.7	1.4831	N/A	6.60	8.31
1999	113.4	112.2	114.2	97.3	96.7	1.4857	1.5853	6.44	8.02
2000	117.4	115.9	118.4	100.0	100.0	1.4854	1.3704	7.27	9.27
2001	120.1	118.4	121.3	102.6	102.8	1.5489	1.3872	5.81	6.79
Jan02	120.1	118.4	121.1	102.4	102.8	1.6003	1.4136	3.75	4.75
Feb02	120.7	119.1	121.8	103.0	103.3	1.5985	1.3895	3.75	4.75
Mar02	121.0	118.2	123.3	103.7	103.8	1.5870	1.3917	3.75	4.75
Apr02	122.9	119.9	125.4	104.3	104.4	1.5814	1.4012	4.00	4.75
May02	123.5	120.4	125.4	104.5	104.4	1.5497	1.4208	4.00	4.75
Jun02	124.1	121.2	126.3	104.9	104.5	1.5317	1.4646	4.25	4.75
Jul02	124.1	121.5	126.0	105.4	104.6	1.5459	1.5352	4.50	4.75
Aug02	124.3	122.1	125.6	105.8	104.9	1.5679	1.5331	4.50	4.75
Sep02	125.9	123.3	127.8	105.8	105.1	1.5758	1.5456	4.50	4.75
Oct02	127.3	125.6	128.2	106.1	105.3	1.5778	1.5484	4.50	4.75
Nov02	127.9	126.0	129.2	106.4	105.3	1.5714	1.5731	4.50	4.25
Dec02	128.3	126.8	129.0	106.0	105.0	1.5593	1.5883	4.50	4.25
Average/Sum	124.2	121.9	125.8	104.9	104.4	1.5706	1.4838	4.21	4.67
Jan03	128.6	127.4	128.9	107.0	105.5	1.5410	1.6373	4.50	4.25
Feb03	129.0	127.8	129.3	107.8	106.3	1.5124	1.6308	4.50	4.25
Mar03	130.2	128.9	130.7	108.2	107.0	1.4759	1.5937	4.75	4.25
Apr03	130.2	128.8	130.9	107.4	106.7	1.4585	1.5841	5.00	4.25
May03	129.4	128.0	130.1	107.5	106.5	1.3845	1.6009	5.00	4.25
Jun03	130.1	128.7	130.7	107.6	106.7	1.3523	1.5788	5.00	4.25
Jul03	129.6	128.5	129.8	107.7	106.8	1.3815	1.5696	4.75	4.00
Aug03	129.3	128.2	129.7	107.9	107.2	1.3957	1.5558	4.75	4.00
Sep03	130.1	128.9	130.5	108.1	107.5	1.3632	1.5359	4.50	4.00
Oct03	129.6	128.1	130.2	107.8	107.4	1.3218	1.5485	4.50	4.00
Nov03	130.0	128.5	130.7	108.1	107.1	1.3126	1.5383	4.50	4.00
Dec03	129.9	128.4	130.7	108.2	107.0	1.3128	1.6138	4.50	4.00
Average/Sum	129.7	128.4	130.2	107.8	106.8	1.4010	1.5823	4.69	4.13
Jan04	129.8	128.0	130.9	108.3	107.5	1.2960	1.6362	4.25	4.00
Feb04	129.9	127.9	131.0	108.5	108.1	1.3290	1.6807	4.25	4.00
Mar04	130.3	128.3	131.4	108.9	108.8	1.3284	1.6289	4.00	4.00
Apr04	130.6	128.7	131.6	109.1	109.2	1.3425	1.6087	3.75	4.00
May04	131.7	129.8	132.7	110.1	109.8	1.3783	1.6554	3.75	4.00
Jun04	133.0	131.2	133.9	110.2	110.2	1.3577	1.6490	3.75	4.00
Jul04	132.1	130.4	133.1	110.1	110.0	1.3219	1.6222	3.75	4.25
Aug04	131.9	130.2	132.8	109.9	110.0	1.3118	1.6003	3.75	4.50
Sep04	132.0	130.4	132.8	110.0	110.3	1.2878	1.5744	4.00	4.75
Oct04	131.6	129.8	132.6	110.3	110.9	1.2469	1.5594	4.25	4.75
Nov04	132.5	130.7	133.5	110.7	110.9	1.1961	1.5556	4.25	5.00
Dec04	132.2	130.4	133.1	110.5	110.5	1.2191	1.6317	4.25	5.25
Average/Sum	131.5	129.7	132.5	109.7	109.7	1.3013	1.6169	4.00	4.38
Jan05	131.7	130.1	132.5	110.4	110.7	1.2253	1.6052	4.25	5.25
Feb05	131.9	130.1	132.7	110.8	111.4	1.2397	1.6133	4.25	5.50
Mar05	132.7	131.0	133.4	111.4	112.3	1.2161	1.6045	4.25	5.75
Apr05	133.6	131.6	134.4	111.8	113.0	1.2360	1.5997	4.25	5.75
May05	133.4	131.5	134.3	111.9	112.9	1.2555	1.5934	4.25	6.00
Jun05	133.9	131.8	134.9	112.0	113.0	1.2402	1.5076	4.25	6.00
Jul05	135.0	133.1	135.9	112.3	113.5	1.2227	1.4714	4.25	6.25
Aug05	135.0	133.0	135.9	112.7	114.1	1.2040	1.4808	4.25	6.50
Sep05	136.6	134.8	137.3		115.4	1.1776	1.4409	4.50	6.75
Oct05	136.2	134.3	137.0			1.1776	1.4156	4.75	6.75
Nov05	**136.1**	**134.2**	**136.9**			1.1811	1.3922	4.75	7.00
Dec05						**1.1610**	**1.3771**	**5.00**	**7.25**
Average/Sum						**1.2114**	**1.5085**	**4.42**	**6.23**

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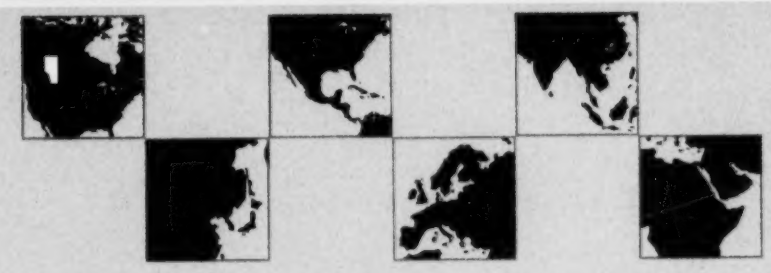

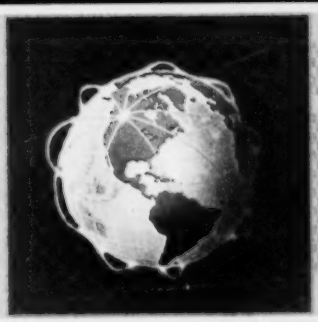

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Current Economic Indicators
February 2006
Highlights

Labour Force: In January, Alberta's unemployment rate was 3.5%, down from 4.3% recorded in January 2005, and the lowest level since August 1981. This was the lowest unemployment rate in Canada and was much lower than the national average of 6.6%. The decrease in Alberta's unemployment rate was a result of the number of employed increasing by 2.2%, while the number of jobless fell to its lowest level since 1982. Between December 2005 and January, 10,400 jobs were created. On a year-over-year basis, Alberta employment increased by 38,400 with the largest job gains made in the *Professional, Scientific and Technical Service* (+25,500) and *Wholesale Trade* (+14,700) industries.

Construction: Alberta urban housing starts climbed by 21.6% in January, compared to the same month last year, as a result of very high growth for single-detached homes (+63.8%). In December, Alberta contractors took out a record $1.1 billion worth of building permits, up 59.1% from December 2004. In 2005, the value of Alberta building permits jumped by 40.8%, compared to 2004, the fastest growth rate in Canada.

Consumer Spending: In November, Alberta retail sales increased by 12.0% from November 2004, to $4.2 billion – the highest monthly level on record. During the first eleven months of 2005, Alberta retail sales rose by 12.0% from the same period in 2004, also the highest growth rate in Canada. New motor vehicle sales increased by 13.3% in 2005, compared to 2004, to 222,319. In 2005, the number of homes sold in Alberta via the Multiple Listing Service grew by 14.6% from 2004, to a record high of 65,866. The year-over-year change in Alberta's Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 2.4% in December. On average in 2005, Albertans paid 2.1% more for the goods and services that comprise the CPI than they did in 2004.

Manufacturing: In November, the value of Alberta manufacturing shipments was 6.1% higher than in November 2004. During the first eleven months of 2005, manufacturing shipments increased 11.5% from the same period in the prior year, to a record $53.8 billion. The largest shipment gains were noted for *Machinery* (+30.3%), *Petroleum & Coal Products* (+27.7%), and *Plastic & Rubber Products* (+22.8%). Alberta had the highest growth rate in Canada and outpaced the national advance of 3.4%.

Exports: In December, the value of Alberta's merchandise exports surged ahead by 33.0% from December 2004, to $8.2 billion - the second highest level on record. In 2005, Alberta exports climbed by 18.5%, compared to 2004, to reach $79.2 billion. Over the same period, Canadian exports grew by 5.8%. In 2005, Alberta's largest export gains were noted in the *energy products* (+24.4%) and *industrial goods* (+19.5%) sectors.

Incorporations/Bankruptcies: The number of business incorporations in January climbed by 29.4%, compared to the same month last year, to a record 4,018. In December, the number of business bankruptcies dropped by 41.5% and of consumer bankruptcies by 30.3% from December 2004. In 2005, the number of business and consumer bankruptcies declined by 23.6% and 13.5%, respectively, compared to 2004 - the largest provincial decreases in Canada. In addition, the number of consumer bankruptcies reached its lowest level since 1994, while business bankruptcies fell to their lowest level since 1990.

CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

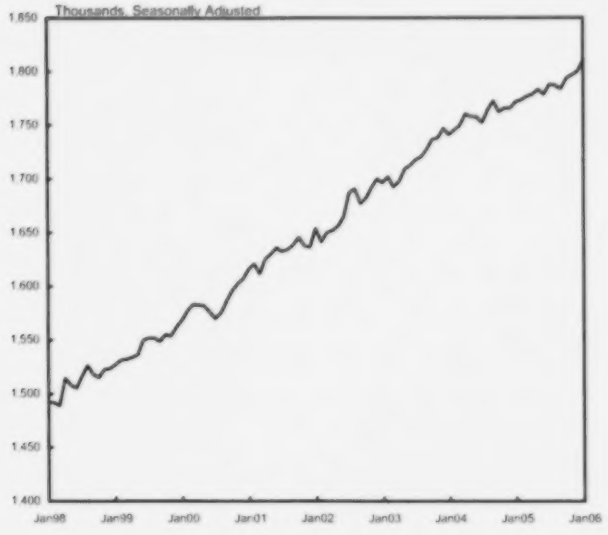
LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS (seasonally adjusted)	JANUARY - DECEMBER AVERAGE			DECEMBER			JANUARY		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Labour Force (000's)	1,842.4	1,857.5	0.8	1,846.0	1,879.5	1.8	1,851.1	1,875.5	1.3
Calgary	630.0	630.8	0.1	625.9	641.8	2.5	623.0	647.9	4.0
Edmonton	581.7	571.6	-1.7	587.6	568.4	-3.3	585.9	565.5	-3.5
Employed (000's)	1,757.5	1,784.4	1.5	1,765.7	1,799.8	1.9	1,771.8	1,810.2	2.2
Calgary	598.7	605.9	1.2	597.4	613.1	2.6	594.3	619.2	4.2
Edmonton	553.8	545.8	-1.4	557.1	543.3	-2.5	556.7	541.4	-2.7
Employment Rate (%)	70.1	69.8	-0.3	69.9	69.6	-0.3	70.0	69.7	-0.3
Calgary	71.7	70.8	-0.9	70.9	70.9	0.0	70.4	71.3	0.9
Edmonton	69.3	67.1	-2.2	69.3	66.3	-3.0	69.2	65.9	-3.3
Unemployment (000's)	85.0	73.1	-14.0	80.3	79.7	-0.7	79.3	65.4	-17.5
Calgary	31.3	24.9	-20.4	28.5	28.7	0.7	28.7	28.7	0.0
Edmonton	27.9	25.8	-7.5	30.5	25.1	-17.7	29.2	24.1	-17.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	3.9	-0.7	4.3	4.2	-0.1	4.3	3.5	-0.8
Calgary	5.0	3.9	-1.1	4.6	4.5	-0.1	4.6	4.4	-0.2
Edmonton	4.8	4.5	-0.3	5.2	4.4	-0.8	5.0	4.3	-0.7
Particiˈpation Rate (%)	73.5	72.7	-0.8	73.1	72.6	-0.5	73.2	72.2	-1.0
Calgary	75.4	73.7	-1.7	74.3	74.2	-0.1	73.8	74.6	0.8
Edmonton	72.8	70.3	-2.5	73.1	69.3	-3.8	72.8	68.8	-4.0

NOTE: Calgary and Edmonton estimates are 3-month moving averages.

ADDITIONAL LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS (unadjusted)	JANUARY - DECEMBER AVERAGE			DECEMBER			JANUARY		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Male Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	3.9	-0.6	4.3	4.3	0.0	5.1	4.1	-1.0
Female Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.0	-0.7	3.8	3.7	-0.1	4.4	3.9	-0.5
Youth Unemployment Rate (%)	8.4	7.3	-1.1	7.4	7.3	-0.1	9.2	8.8	-0.4
Working Age Population (000's)	2,505.8	2,555.6	2.0	2,526.0	2,587.2	2.4	2,529.5	2,596.6	2.7
Calgary	835.5	855.6	2.4	842.4	865.3	2.7	843.8	868.1	2.9
Edmonton	799.4	812.9	1.7	803.8	820.0	2.0	804.7	822.1	2.2
Employed (000's)	1,757.5	1,784.4	1.5	1,764.7	1,798.6	1.9	1,740.5	1,780.2	2.3
Full-time	1,440.2	1,477.6	2.6	1,432.6	1,485.6	3.7	1,409.0	1,464.8	4.0
Part-time	317.2	306.8	-3.3	332.1	313.0	-5.8	331.5	315.4	-4.9

NOTE: Calgary and Edmonton estimates are 3-month moving averages.

EMPLOYMENT



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

INDUSTRY LABOUR FORCE (unadjusted)	JANUARY - DECEMBER AVERAGE			DECEMBER			JANUARY		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
GOODS-PRODUCING SECTOR TOTAL									
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	3.0	-1.3	4.9	3.0	-1.9	5.2	3.5	-1.7
Employed (000's)	496.4	487.1	-1.9	491.4	478.0	-2.7	483.7	476.5	-1.5
Agriculture									
Unemployment Rate (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	66.2	56.1	-15.3	61.6	49.7	-19.3	56.4	47.7	-15.4
Forestry and Logging (inc. support activities)									
Unemployment Rate (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	4.8	4.4	-8.3	3.9	3.6	-7.7	5.0	2.5	-50.0
Mining & Oil & Gas Extraction									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	2.7	-0.6	2.7	1.5	-1.2	2.5	2.5	0.0
Employed (000's)	106.8	122.6	14.8	120.0	122.8	2.3	119.6	128.0	7.0
Utilities									
Unemployment Rate (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	13.6	13.2	-2.9	12.6	15.9	26.2	10.1	15.8	56.4
Construction									
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	4.4	-1.5	6.7	5.4	-1.3	9.1	6.3	-2.8
Employed (000's)	160.5	159.7	-0.5	161.2	156.8	-2.7	154.6	158.7	2.7
Manufacturing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	2.5	-1.7	5.1	2.2	-2.9	3.9	2.1	-1.8
Employed (000's)	144.3	130.9	-9.3	132.2	129.2	-2.3	138.1	123.9	-10.3
SERVICES-PRODUCING SECTOR TOTAL									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	2.9	-0.4	2.6	3.1	0.5	3.4	3.3	-0.1
Employed (000's)	1,261.1	1,297.3	2.9	1,273.3	1,320.6	3.7	1,256.8	1,303.7	3.7
Wholesale Trade									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.6	2.5	-0.1	3.9	3.2	-0.7	n/a	3.1	n/a
Employed (000's)	63.4	66.5	4.9	58.8	76.2	29.6	64.5	79.2	22.8
Retail Trade									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.8	3.6	-0.2	2.4	4.1	1.7	4.7	4.6	-0.1
Employed (000's)	206.6	211.9	2.6	224.9	210.4	-6.4	217.0	208.6	-3.9
Transportation & Warehousing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.9	2.5	-0.4	2.2	3.9	1.7	4.5	2.4	-2.1
Employed (000's)	97.4	106.9	9.8	96.8	103.9	7.3	95.0	102.9	8.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.8	1.8	0.0	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	90.7	95.2	5.0	92.2	95.1	3.1	92.4	95.1	2.9
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.2	2.3	-0.9	1.7	1.9	0.2	3.9	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	120.5	131.1	8.8	116.9	143.6	22.8	114.5	140.0	22.3
Business, Building and Other Support Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	4.9	-2.7	8.0	5.4	-2.6	6.9	9.6	2.7
Employed (000's)	64.2	62.6	-2.5	59.8	61.4	2.7	59.6	51.5	-13.6
Educational Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.2	2.4	-0.8	1.4	n/a	n/a	1.7	2.7	1.0
Employed (000's)	108.4	120.4	11.1	117.1	132.3	13.0	120.1	126.4	5.2
Health Care & Social Assistance									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.6	1.5	-0.1	1.6	1.1	-0.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	163.0	172.5	5.8	163.4	171.7	5.1	162.6	175.1	7.7
Information, Culture and Recreation									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.5	3.9	0.4	2.4	9.5	7.1	3.4	8.8	5.4
Employed (000's)	71.5	71.1	-0.6	66.1	63.2	-4.4	64.7	63.0	-2.6
Accommodation & Food Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	5.6	1.0	3.1	5.3	2.2	6.0	5.9	-0.1
Employed (000's)	124.5	108.7	-12.7	126.6	111.4	-12.0	121.1	108.9	-10.1
Other Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.1	2.2	-0.9	3.0	n/a	n/a	2.4	2.4	0.0
Employed (000's)	81.5	82.6	1.3	84.1	83.7	-0.5	82.5	80.6	-2.3
Public Administration									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.3	n/a	n/a	2.8	3.1	0.3	2.8	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	69.4	67.8	-2.3	66.6	67.7	1.7	62.7	72.4	15.5

NOTE: "n/a" is reported in instances of insufficient response.

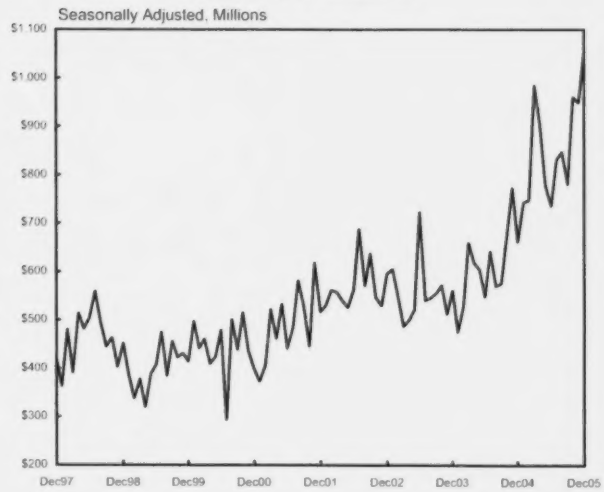
BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total Value, seasonally adjusted	7,327.1	10,314.6	40.8	772.2	949.0	22.9	661.8	1,053.1	59.1
Total Value, unadjusted	7,327.1	10,208.4	39.3	721.5	917.1	27.1	511.9	850.9	66.2
Calgary	2,856.9	3,921.3	37.3	242.3	367.8	51.8	218.5	378.5	73.3
Edmonton	2,027.8	2,936.0	44.8	224.5	235.5	4.9	125.6	258.2	105.6
Residential	4,864.2	6,050.7	24.4	461.3	546.3	18.4	282.1	516.7	83.2
Calgary	1,962.5	2,328.6	18.7	182.0	227.1	24.8	136.3	205.7	51.0
Edmonton	1374.8	1,916.3	39.4	136.1	176.2	29.5	58.5	176.7	202.3
Industrial	429.0	856.9	99.7	66.3	110.2	66.3	45.2	38.0	-15.9
Calgary	70.0	171.1	144.4	10.0	23.6	136.4	7.6	3.3	-56.9
Edmonton	115.4	153.2	32.7	16.6	9.6	-41.9	9.6	18.1	88.5
Commercial	1,544.8	2,405.4	55.7	125.5	231.9	84.7	126.1	255.7	102.7
Calgary	633.3	1036.1	63.6	39.2	113.2	188.6	56.7	165.5	191.8
Edmonton	428.4	533.1	24.4	50.8	37.5	-26.1	31.7	49.0	54.3
Institutional/Government	489.1	895.4	83.1	68.5	28.7	-58.0	58.4	40.5	-30.7
Calgary	191.2	385.5	101.6	11.1	3.9	-65.0	17.8	4.0	-77.7
Edmonton	109.2	333.3	205.2	21.1	12.2	-42.4	25.8	14.5	-43.9

HOUSING STARTS (urban)	JANUARY - DECEMBER			DECEMBER			JANUARY		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total	32,188	34,301	6.6	2,677	2,663	-0.5	1,854	2,255	21.6
Single Detached	19,048	20,819	9.3	1,657	1,753	5.8	1,116	1,828	63.8
All Others*	13,140	13,482	2.6	1,020	910	-10.8	738	427	-42.1
Calgary	14,008	13,667	-2.4	1,259	925	-26.5	874	1,086	24.3
Edmonton	11,488	13,294	15.7	851	1,121	31.7	646	843	30.5

* Includes: two family, row, and apartment dwellings

MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE (MLS) HOUSING RESALES	JANUARY - DECEMBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total	57,460	65,866	14.6	4,148	5,296	27.7	3,166	3,634	14.8
Calgary	26,511	31,569	19.1	1,996	2,617	31.1	1,538	1,877	22.0
Edmonton	17,652	18,634	5.6	1,214	1,445	19.0	926	908	-1.9
Total Value ($000,000)	11,191.4	14,376.3	28.5	837.3	1,207.2	44.2	642.0	860.9	34.1
Calgary	5,908.2	7,918.5	34.0	457.3	691.9	51.3	358.8	515.2	43.6
Edmonton	3,170.5	3,613.8	14.0	220.5	286.5	29.9	164.1	179.7	9.5

BUILDING PERMITS



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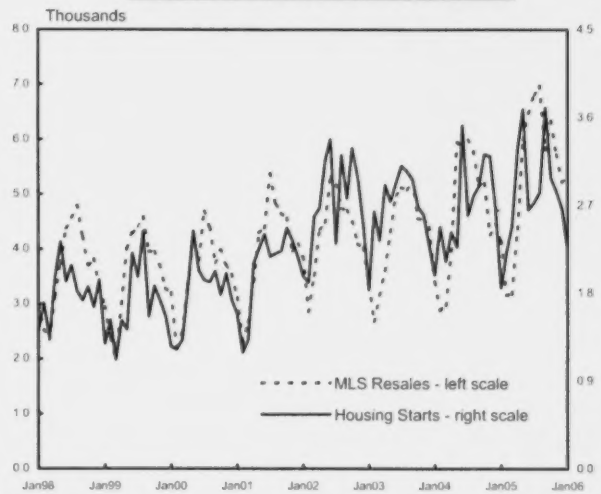


EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	JANUARY - NOVEMBER AVERAGE			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Number of Recipients, seasonally adj.	29,177	22,504	-22.9	27,280	20,350	-25.4	26,910	19,150	-28.8

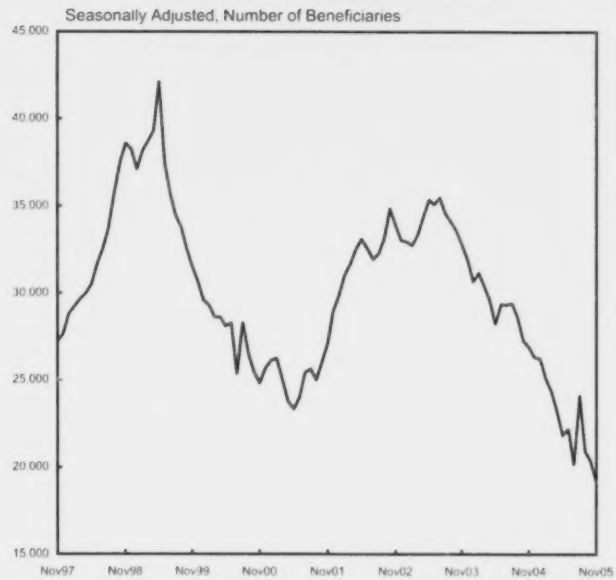
WAGES AND SALARIES ($000,000)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total, seasonally adjusted	52,574	56,900	8.2	5,926	6,467	9.1	5,964	6,517	9.3

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS ALL EMPLOYEES	JANUARY - NOVEMBER AVERAGE			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
$/week, seasonally adjusted	728.70	767.87	5.4	737.33	783.04	6.2	744.16	789.15	6.0

INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS, NON-RESIDENTS ENTERING ALBERTA	JANUARY - NOVEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total (includes same-day)	953,398	929,946	-2.5	73,628	58,375	-20.7	47,469	41,262	-13.1
Total (excludes same-day)	858,489	845,839	-1.5	68,512	54,304	-20.7	42,492	37,838	-11.0
U.S.A. (excludes same-day)	600,648	572,407	-4.7	44,550	36,728	-17.6	34,612	29,511	-14.7
United Kingdom	105,146	117,766	12.0	7,280	4,943	-32.1	2,023	2,278	12.6
Germany	27,783	33,762	21.5	2,162	1,276	-41.0	883	820	-7.1
Japan	35,222	30,387	-13.7	8,373	5,960	-28.8	570	815	43.0
Netherlands	14,463	14,794	2.3	755	562	-25.6	335	274	-18.2
Australia	9,036	10,751	19.0	810	574	-29.1	585	591	1.0
Switzerland	8,861	7,874	-11.1	367	293	-20.2	206	229	11.2
Mexico	4,950	5,033	1.7	349	409	17.2	219	259	18.3

Figures given are for non-residents entering Alberta directly. Consequently, actual totals will be understated since significant numbers of tourists enter via other provinces.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE



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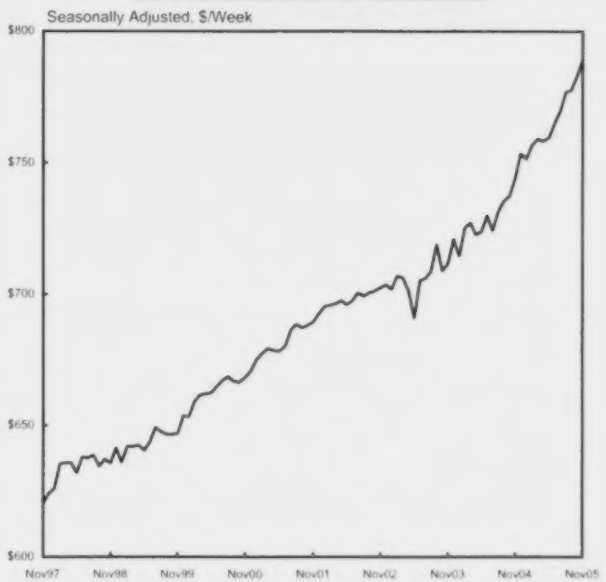

RETAIL TRADE ($000,000)	JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	OCTOBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	NOVEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total All Stores, seasonally adjusted	39,657	44,423	12.0	3,765	4,143	10.0	3,752	4,203	12.0
Motor & Recreational Vehicles	10,793	12,607	16.8	984	1,046	6.2	963	1,124	16.7
Gasoline Service Stations	3,737	4,544	21.6	376	476	26.4	356	436	22.4
Furniture, Furnishings, Electronics	2,969	3,514	18.3	295	352	19.1	325	382	17.6
Building and Outdoor Home Supplies	2,412	2,715	12.6	230	258	12.0	225	257	13.9
Food and Beverage	8,780	9,238	5.2	838	868	3.5	781	839	7.3
Pharmacies and Personal Care	1,804	1,834	1.7	172	158	-8.2	176	167	-4.9
Clothing and Accessories	1,991	2,207	10.8	204	218	7.1	206	248	20.3
General Merchandise	4,367	4,681	7.2	443	468	5.8	469	516	10.0
Miscellaneous Retailers	2,123	2,273	7.1	190	205	7.8	197	229	16.2

Note: The Total All Stores series is seasonally adjusted; the sales by store type series are not seasonally adjusted.

RESTAURANT, CATERER AND TAVERN RECEIPTS ($000,000)	JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	OCTOBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	NOVEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total	3,794	4,091	7.8	352	383	8.3	343	379	10.6

WHOLESALE TRADE ($000,000)	JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	OCTOBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	NOVEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total All Merchants, seasonally adj.	42,972	49,903	16.1	4,100	4,724	15.2	4,131	4,768	15.4

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	NOVEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	DECEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total Number Sold, seasonally adj.	196,154	222,319	13.3	17,252	18,460	7.0	17,032	18,909	11.0
Total Number Sold, unadjusted	196,153	222,363	13.4	17,150	18,622	8.6	17,005	18,797	10.5
Passenger Vehicles	72,877	80,742	10.8	5,847	6,136	4.9	5,939	6,304	6.1
Commercial Vehicles	123,276	141,621	14.9	11,303	12,486	10.5	11,066	12,493	12.9

Note: Commercial vehicles include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans, coaches and buses. Passenger vehicles also include taxis and rental cars.

RETAIL AND WHOLESALE TRADE

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

ENERGY PRODUCTION AND DELIVERIES	JANUARY - AUGUST			JULY			AUGUST		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Natural Gas									
Production (million m^3)	111,492	111,473	0.0	13,807	13,918	0.8	13,774	13,931	1.1
Deliveries (million m^3)	80,468	80,255	-0.3	9,825	10,295	4.8	9,548	10,503	10.0
Crude Oil and Equivalents*									
Production ('000 m^3)	67,599	63,455	-6.1	8,487	8,197	-3.4	8,810	8,462	-3.9
Deliveries ('000 m^3)	67,950	64,522	-5.0	8,824	8,600	-2.5	8,840	8,365	-5.4

*Includes Conventional Light/Medium and Heavy, Bitumen, Synthetic, Condensate and Pentanes Plus.

RIG ACTIVITY	JANUARY - DECEMBER AVERAGE			DECEMBER			JANUARY		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Rig Counts									
Drilling	331	381	15.1	471	523	11.2	466	495	6.3
Available	540	569	5.4	550	583	6.0	519	572	10.3

ENERGY PRICES	ANNUAL AVERAGES		2004		2005	2005		2006	Annual
	2004	2005	NOV	DEC	JAN	NOV	DEC	JAN	% Change
West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil Price (US$/Barrel)	41.39	56.57	48.58	43.30	46.92	58.31	59.40	65.25	39.1
Natural Gas Reference Price (C$/GJ)	5.98	n/a	6.58	6.70	6.02	10.81	n/a	n/a	64.3

Note: Annual % Change is a comparison of the latest month for which data are available with the same month of the previous year.

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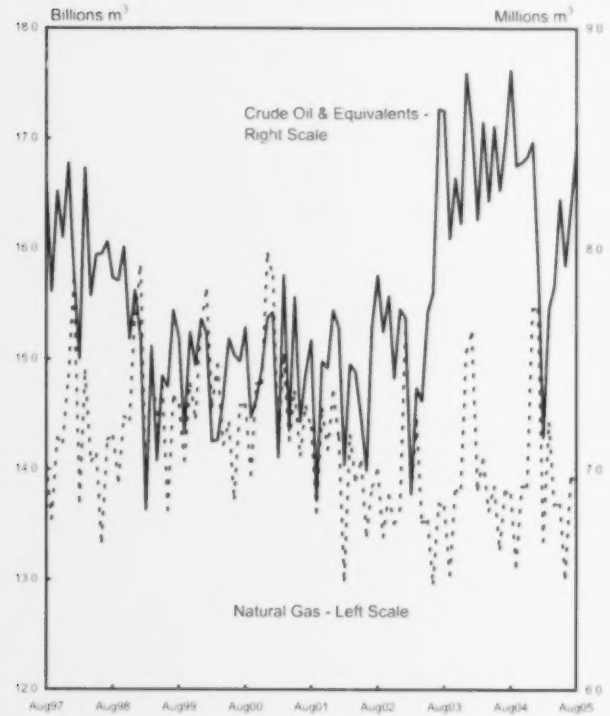

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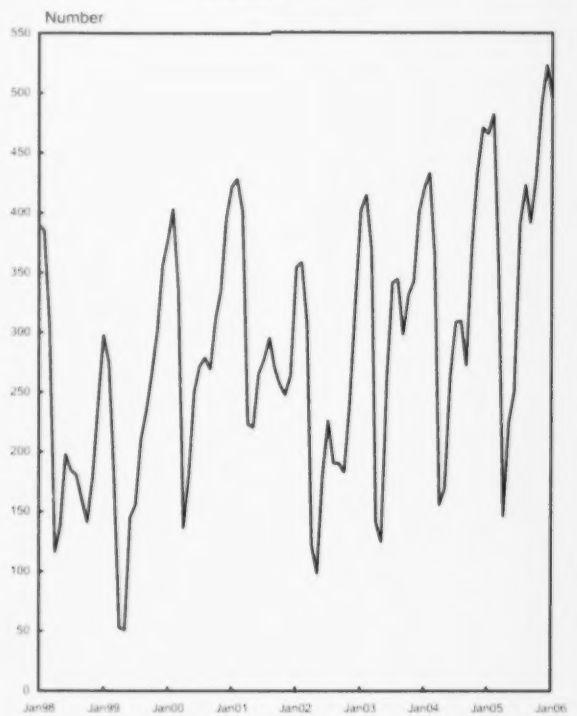


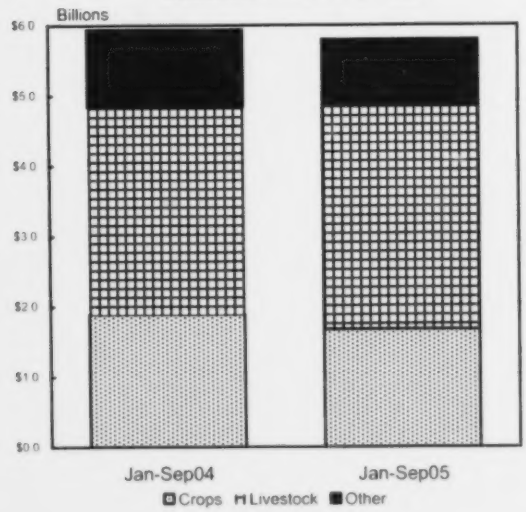
MANUFACTURING (Value of shipments of goods of own manufacture $000,000)	JANUARY - NOVEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total, seasonally adjusted	48,270.4	53,828.3	11.5	4,548.8	5,069.3	11.4	4,843.4	5,137.3	6.1
Total, unadjusted	48,434.7	53,867.6	11.2	4,667.7	5,255.7	12.6	4,915.0	5,231.0	6.4
Food	8,373.9	7,954.9	-5.0	764.1	658.9	-13.8	752.2	695.5	-7.5
Beverage	806.6	863.5	7.1	67.5	73.0	8.2	69.5	73.6	5.9
Plastics & Rubber Products	834.0	1,024.2	22.8	79.0	119.5	51.2	77.1	112.6	46.0
Primary Metal	1,904.7	2,275.7	19.5	196.7	210.9	7.2	207.2	250.1	20.7
Metal Fabricating	3,798.6	4,156.8	9.4	360.9	409.6	13.5	583.2	426.5	-26.9
Printing & Publishing	604.9	650.2	7.5	61.5	71.2	15.7	62.9	65.7	4.5
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	1,576.4	1,915.0	21.5	180.0	223.3	24.0	168.5	200.7	19.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	9,141.9	11,674.9	27.7	1,019.1	1,166.6	14.5	979.7	1,157.0	18.1
Chemicals & Chemical Products	8,793.9	9,344.8	6.3	868.8	985.1	13.4	866.2	915.4	5.7
Wood	3,492.2	3,271.6	-6.3	303.0	290.7	-4.0	288.9	275.3	-4.7
Furniture and Fixtures	768.4	812.1	5.7	74.2	90.7	22.2	69.4	74.4	7.3
Paper & Allied	1,629.1	1,644.0	0.9	141.0	152.5	8.1	141.0	139.3	-1.2
Computers & Electronics	1,280.5	1,520.5	18.7	66.9	112.2	67.7	95.7	140.6	46.9
Transportation Equipment	681.4	785.3	15.2	60.9	73.8	21.2	65.7	78.7	19.8
Machinery	3,667.3	4,777.6	30.3	334.7	509.1	52.1	392.6	511.2	30.2
Other Manufacturing*	1,080.7	1,196.5	10.7	89.4	108.7	21.6	95.2	114.3	20.1

*Other Manufacturing is derived residually, by deducting the sum of the above industries from the total for all manufacturing

AGRICULTURE Farm Cash Receipts ($000,000)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER			APRIL - JUNE			JULY - SEPTEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total From Operations	5,938.9	5,793.5	-2.4	1,990.0	2,022.6	1.6	1,846.5	1,687.1	-8.6
Crops	1,889.2	1,674.3	-11.4	599.5	535.8	-10.6	576.8	457.0	-20.8
Wheat, other than Durum	559.0	443.4	-20.7	243.1	178.2	-26.7	139.5	98.7	-29.2
Durum Wheat	102.5	94.5	-7.8	41.9	52.1	24.3	33.1	28.5	-13.9
Barley	153.4	79.2	-48.4	58.0	25.4	-56.3	35.8	21.5	-40.1
Canola	531.6	481.7	-9.4	127.1	146.9	15.6	214.4	155.2	-27.6
Livestock	2,949.5	3,184.0	7.9	1,000.3	1,032.6	3.2	982.7	1,094.9	11.4
Cattle and Calves	1,893.5	2,136.1	12.8	640.8	681.1	6.3	599.3	737.5	23.1
Hogs	463.2	428.7	-7.4	179.3	159.2	-11.2	161.8	134.7	-16.7
Dairy Products	284.6	295.8	4.0	95.1	101.4	6.6	95.3	94.3	-1.1
Poultry	152.7	158.8	4.0	50.4	52.7	4.7	54.7	55.6	1.5

Note: Wheat, Durum Wheat and Barley receipts include Canadian Wheat Board payments

FARM CASH RECEIPTS



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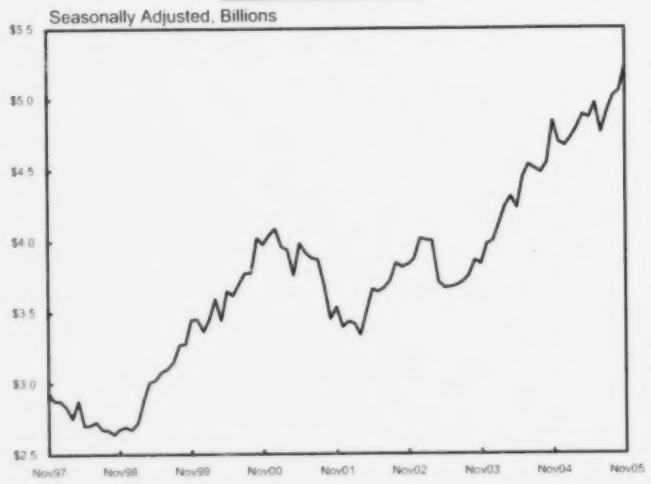

EXPORTS By Commodity Groups ($000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005	JANUARY - DECEMBER Per cent Change	NOVEMBER 2004	NOVEMBER 2005	NOVEMBER Per cent Change	DECEMBER 2004	DECEMBER 2005	DECEMBER Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total - all commodities	66,838.2	79,206.8	18.5	6,072.8	7,554.6	24.4	6,173.6	8,213.2	33.0
Agricultural Products	4,733.3	4,635.8	-2.1	395.8	429.9	8.6	357.1	410.1	14.8
Energy Products	45,961.9	57,160.5	24.4	4,365.4	5,683.2	30.2	4,430.0	6,371.6	43.8
Forestry Products	3,273.5	2,898.1	-11.5	236.0	233.0	-1.3	228.3	232.2	1.7
Industrial Goods	7,806.5	9,332.6	19.5	688.2	771.9	12.2	669.8	761.6	13.7
Machinery and Equipment	3,865.4	3,865.4	0.0	297.0	313.6	5.6	374.8	321.8	-14.1
Automotive Products	400.8	483.5	20.6	30.1	43.7	45.2	33.8	38.1	12.7
Consumer Goods	175.1	190.0	8.5	13.2	17.8	34.8	17.3	17.6	1.7
Special Transactions	621.6	641.0	3.1	47.1	61.4	30.4	62.5	60.1	-3.8

NOTE: Estimates in the "Commodities" table come from published sources; previous month estimates are not current and may not match estimates in the "Countries" table.

EXPORTS Top 10 Countries ($000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005	JANUARY - DECEMBER Per cent Change	NOVEMBER 2004	NOVEMBER 2005	NOVEMBER Per cent Change	DECEMBER 2004	DECEMBER 2005	DECEMBER Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total - all countries	66,838.2	79,210.3	18.5	6,072.9	7,443.7	22.6	6,173.6	8,215.0	33.1
United States	59,060.4	71,459.6	21.0	5,387.3	6,785.7	26.0	5,487.0	7,609.8	38.7
China	1,821.3	1,913.5	5.1	149.1	115.6	-22.5	156.0	116.4	-25.4
Japan	1,303.6	1,245.1	-4.5	100.9	110.5	9.6	95.4	90.6	-5.0
Korea, South	430.2	535.0	24.4	48.5	38.2	-21.2	55.2	39.9	-27.9
Mexico	698.2	495.3	-29.1	78.3	50.5	-35.5	68.3	50.8	-25.7
Belgium	206.2	213.6	3.6	12.1	22.1	81.9	21.5	21.7	1.0
United Kingdom	214.9	208.4	-3.0	13.5	15.4	13.7	17.7	14.2	-19.9
Netherlands	213.1	207.6	-2.6	26.5	17.8	-32.9	12.5	20.8	66.2
Italy	150.3	166.8	11.0	12.4	9.4	-23.7	14.8	11.6	-21.6
Taiwan	186.7	161.2	-13.7	12.5	10.5	-16.0	19.2	13.2	-31.3
All Other Countries	2,553.4	2,604.2	2.0	231.8	268.0	15.6	226.1	226.0	0.0

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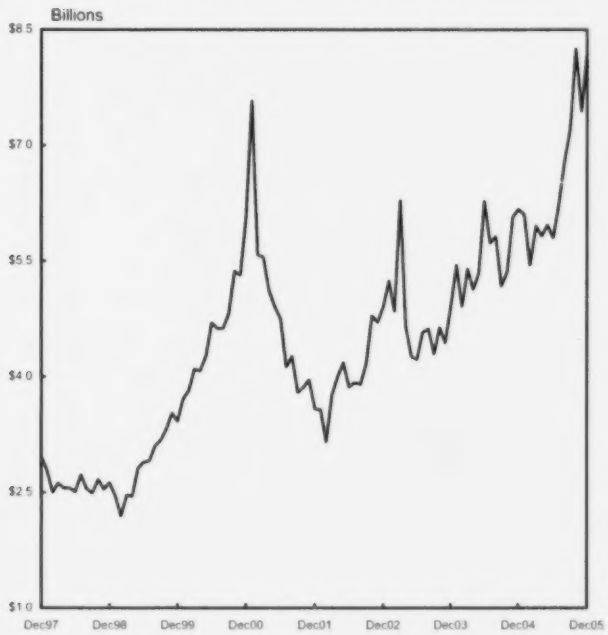

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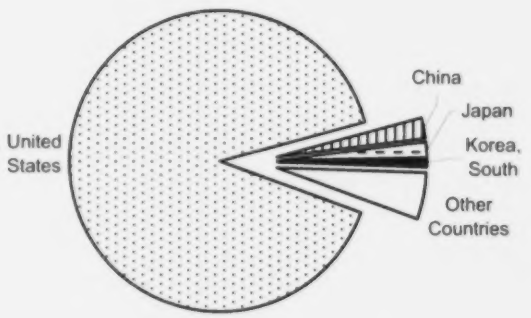

International & Interprovincial MIGRATION	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	APRIL - JUNE 2004	2005	Per cent Change	JULY - SEPTEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
International									
Immigration	13,200	15,152	14.8	4,606	5,201	12.9	4,521	5,594	23.7
Emigration	3,182	3,204	0.7	784	788	0.5	1,761	1,776	0.9
Temporarily abroad	2,260	2,257	-0.1	654	652	-0.3	1,006	1,006	0.0
Returning Canadians	1,685	1,685	0.0	523	523	0.0	788	788	0.0
Net international migration	9,443	11,376	20.5	3,691	4,284	16.1	2,542	3,600	41.6
Interprovincial									
In-migration	50,063	68,979	37.8	17,684	22,711	28.4	18,510	29,882	61.4
Out-migration	42,519	44,331	4.3	14,966	16,116	7.7	16,882	16,772	-0.7
Net Interprovincial migration	7,544	24,648	226.7	2,718	6,595	142.6	1,628	13,110	705.3

The third quarter 2005 Interprovincial migration figure to Alberta is seen as a anomaly. This issue has been discussed with Statistics Canada and can be traced to administrative files used in the calculation of Interprovincial migration estimates. Users a

BANKRUPTCIES	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	NOVEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	DECEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Business									
Number	1,565	1,195	-23.6	106	59	-44.3	135	79	-41.5
Value ($'000)	359,155	291,100	-18.9	60,252	10,981	-81.8	27,291	26,055	-4.5
Consumer (number)	8,719	7,544	-13.5	737	585	-20.6	594	414	-30.3

BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	DECEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	JANUARY 2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Number of Business Incorporations	34,317	40,325	17.5	3,020	3,801	25.9	3,104	4,018	29.4
Alberta Corporations	32,276	38,038	17.9	2,877	3,614	25.6	2,932	3,794	29.4
Non-Alberta Corporations	2,041	2,287	12.1	143	187	30.8	172	224	30.2

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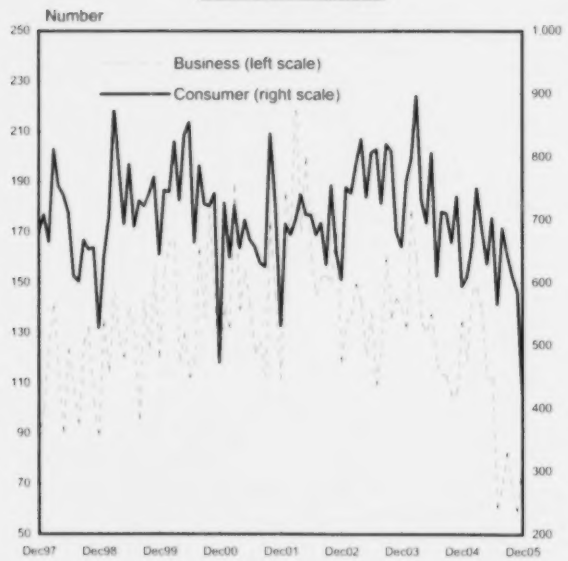

INCORPORATIONS

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)	ANNUAL RATES			2004	2005				% Change
	2003	2004	2005	DEC	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	DEC'04 - DEC'05
Alberta									
All Items	129.7	131.5	134.3	132.2	136.6	136.2	136.1	135.4	2.4
Food	122.1	123.9	126.1	125.0	125.3	127.2	126.8	128.2	2.6
Shelter	132.2	134.4	138.8	136.1	142.8	143.3	144.2	141.5	4.0
Energy	172.4	179.1	197.0	180.1	232.1	218.6	206.8	189.8	5.4
All Items, excl. Food and Energy	127.2	128.6	130.4	129.2	130.8	130.9	131.7	131.9	2.1
Edmonton	128.4	129.7	132.4	130.4	134.8	134.3	134.2	133.3	2.2
Calgary	130.2	132.5	135.1	133.1	137.3	137.0	136.9	136.5	2.6

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2000=100)	ANNUAL RATES			2004		2005			Annual
Selected Countries	2002	2003	2004	OCT	NOV	SEP	OCT	NOV	% Change
Canada	104.9	107.8	109.7	110.0	110.7	113.7	113.2	n/a	2.9
United States	104.4	106.8	109.7	110.3	110.9	115.4	115.7	114.8	3.5
Germany	103.4	104.5	106.2	106.4	106.2	109.1	109.1	108.6	2.3
United Kingdom	103.5	106.5	109.7	110.5	111.0	113.4	113.5	113.7	2.4
France	103.6	105.8	108.0	108.4	108.7	110.8	110.7	110.5	1.7
Japan	98.3	98.1	98.1	98.3	98.6	98.0	98.1	n/a	-0.2

EXCHANGE RATES (in $Cdn)	ANNUAL RATES			2005	2005			2006	% Change
	2003	2004	2005	JAN	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	JAN'05 - JAN'06
United States	1.4010	1.3013	1.2114	1.2253	1.1776	1.1811	1.1610	1.1579	5.8
Japan	0.0121	0.0120	0.0110	0.0119	0.0103	0.0100	0.0098	0.0100	18.3
European Monetary Union (EURO)	1.5823	1.6169	1.5085	1.6052	1.4156	1.3922	1.3771	1.4032	14.4
United Kingdom	2.2877	2.3837	2.2057	2.3001	2.0784	2.0482	2.0277	2.0464	12.4

INTEREST RATES (Prime Rates)	ANNUAL RATES			2005	2005			2006	% Change
	2003	2004	2005	JAN	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	JAN'05 - JAN'06
Canada	4.70	4.00	4.42	4.25	4.75	4.75	5.00	5.25	1.00
United States	4.10	4.40	6.23	5.25	6.75	7.00	7.25	7.25	2.00

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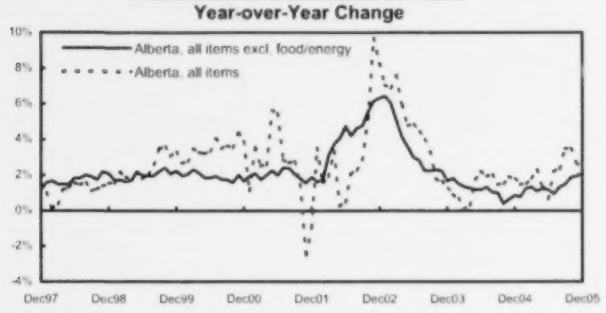

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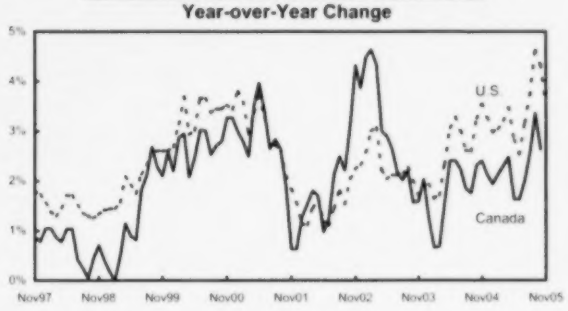

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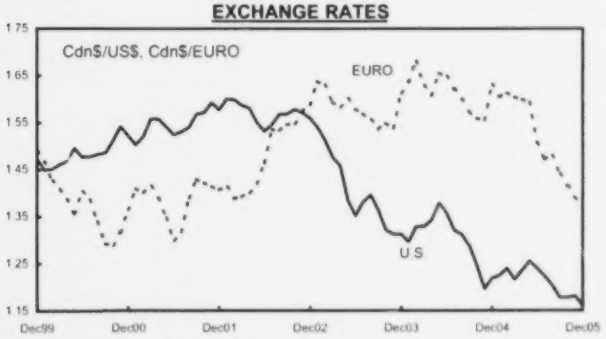

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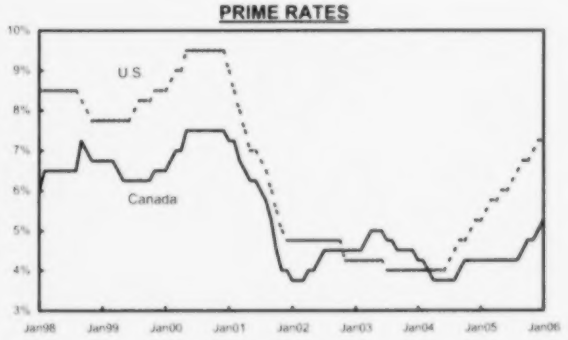

INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
POPULATION ('000s)											
OCTOBER 1, 2004	517	138	939	752	7,566	12,454	1,173	995	3,216	4,216	32,070
OCTOBER 1, 2005	516	138	938	752	7,617	12,590	1,178	993	3,281	4,271	32,378
Percent Change	-0.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.7	1.1	0.4	-0.2	2.0	1.3	1.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE* (%)											
JANUARY 2005	14.6	10.5	8.6	9.8	8.5	6.7	5.1	4.8	4.3	6.5	7.0
JANUARY 2006	16.5	10.8	7.8	8.9	8.4	6.5	4.3	5.2	3.5	5.1	6.6
EMPLOYED* ('000s)											
JANUARY 2005	216	69	445	350	3,705	6,327	580	487	1,772	2,102	16,052
JANUARY 2006	209	69	443	359	3,746	6,449	586	483	1,810	2,167	16,321
Percent Change	-2.9	0.0	-0.5	2.5	1.1	1.9	1.1	-0.7	2.2	3.1	1.7
EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE* (Number of Beneficiaries)											
NOVEMBER 2004	37,320	7,830	29,690	34,350	173,350	129,200	11,800	11,240	26,910	55,760	518,070
NOVEMBER 2005	37,110	7,730	28,220	33,210	171,790	130,570	11,490	9,490	19,150	47,020	496,510
Percent Change	-0.6	-1.3	-5.0	-3.3	-0.9	1.1	-2.6	-15.6	-28.8	-15.7	-4.2

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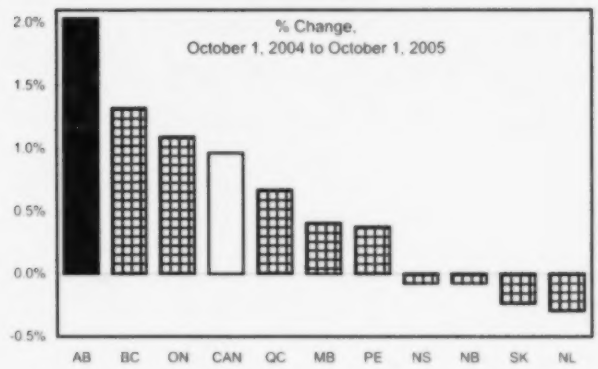

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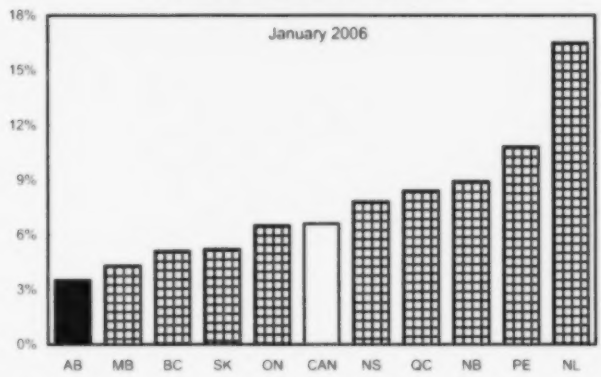

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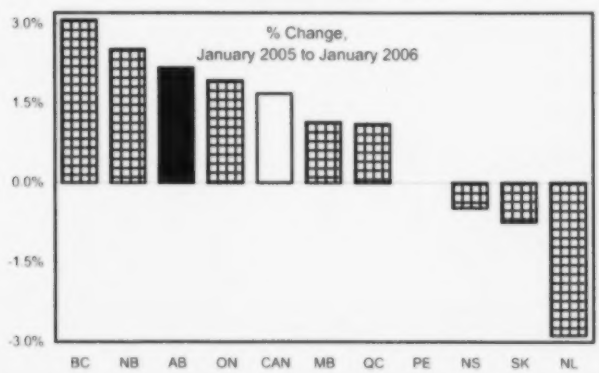

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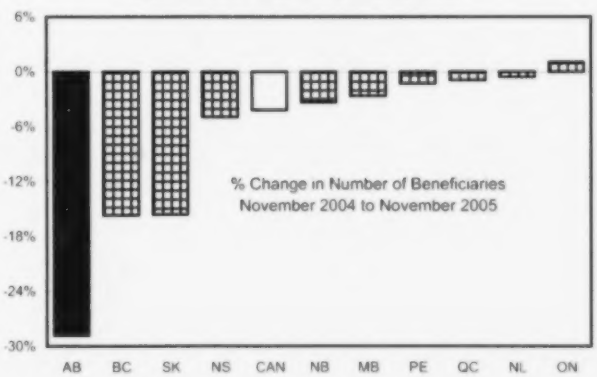

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)											
DECEMBER 2004	124.1	126.4	127.5	125.2	121.5	126.5	129.9	130.9	132.2	123.5	125.4
DECEMBER 2005	126.6	129.4	130.9	128.5	124.1	129.2	131.6	132.7	135.4	125.7	128.1
Percent Change	2.0	2.4	2.7	2.6	2.1	2.1	1.3	1.4	2.4	1.8	2.2
RETAIL TRADE* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2004	5,264	1,271	9,454	7,294	71,945	118,134	10,716	9,389	39,657	43,225	317,426
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2005	5,390	1,306	9,707	7,705	76,381	124,013	11,451	10,152	44,423	45,845	337,545
Percent Change	2.4	2.8	2.7	5.6	6.2	5.0	6.9	8.1	12.0	6.1	6.3
WHOLESALE TRADE* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2004	2,288	544	5,807	4,798	78,446	212,352	9,916	10,884	42,972	39,746	408,028
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2005	2,365	495	5,754	4,500	83,549	217,773	11,566	12,535	49,903	43,287	432,026
Percent Change	3.4	-9.0	-0.9	-6.2	6.5	2.6	16.6	15.2	16.1	8.9	5.9
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES* (Number)											
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	22,898	4,697	45,166	34,516	405,081	600,928	45,332	38,821	196,154	181,605	1,575,195
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005	24,851	4,869	46,487	34,106	409,586	619,920	46,468	39,137	222,319	186,839	1,634,583
Percent Change	8.5	3.7	2.9	-1.2	1.1	3.2	2.5	0.8	13.3	2.9	3.8

Note: New Motor Vehicle Sales for British Columbia include automobile sales for the Canadian Territories.

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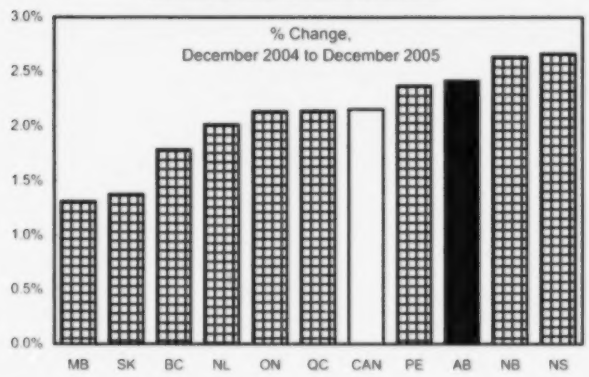

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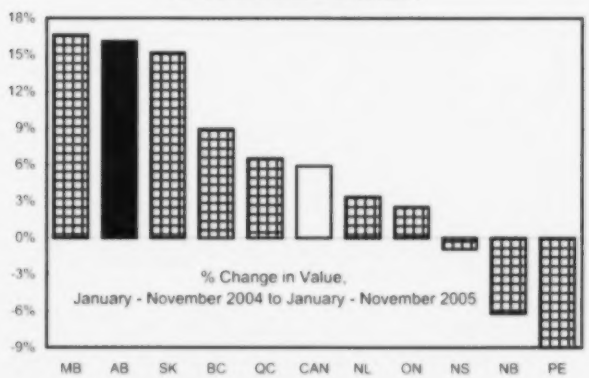

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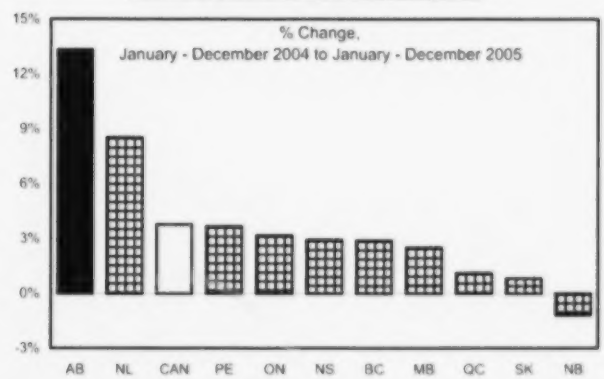

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
BUILDING PERMITS* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	501	224	1,126	797	11,630	23,905	1,150	770	7,327	8,148	55,579
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005	505	250	1,192	843	11,566	24,419	1,146	923	10,315	10,485	61,644
Percent Change	0.8	11.5	5.9	5.7	-0.5	2.1	-0.4	19.9	40.8	28.7	10.9
URBAN HOUSING STARTS (Number)											
JANUARY 2005	72	48	123	48	2,211	3,257	99	127	1,854	1,870	9,709
JANUARY 2006	73	74	234	156	2,220	4,409	130	173	2,255	2,238	11,962
Percent Change	1.4	54.2	90.2	225.0	0.4	35.4	31.3	36.2	21.6	19.7	23.2
MANUFACTURING* (value of shipments of goods of own manufacture, $000,000)											
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2004	2,821	1,300	8,508	12,907	126,252	284,228	11,472	8,791	48,270	38,735	543,363
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2005	2,760	1,361	9,023	13,847	132,266	287,667	12,004	9,483	53,828	39,329	561,663
Percent Change	-2.2	4.7	6.1	7.3	4.8	1.2	4.6	7.9	11.5	1.5	3.4
AGRICULTURE (Farm Cash Receipts from farming operations $000,000)											
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2004	63	256	332	300	4,650	6,283	2,801	4,230	5,939	1,669	26,523
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2005	67	262	340	299	4,874	6,667	2,749	4,474	5,794	1,831	27,355
Percent Change	6.8	2.6	2.6	-0.5	4.8	6.1	-1.9	5.8	-2.4	9.7	3.1

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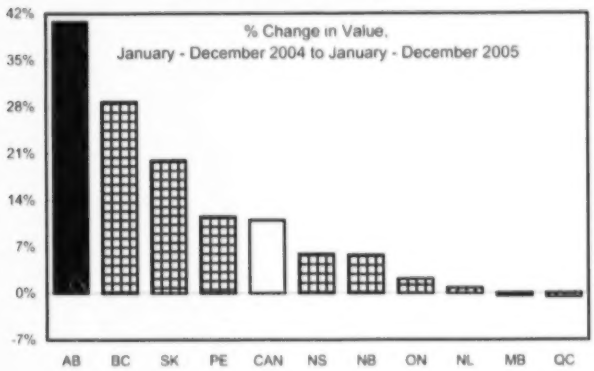

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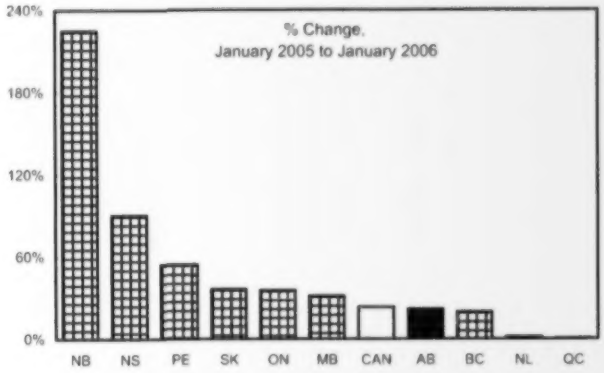

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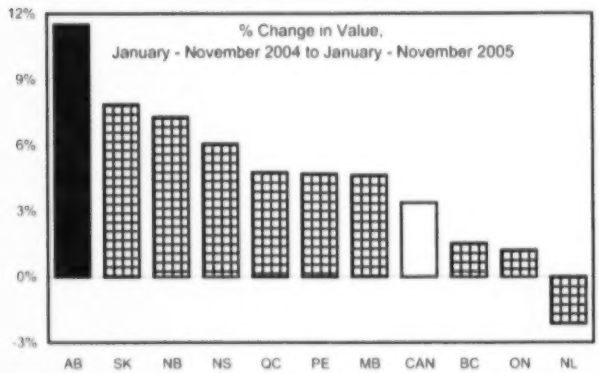

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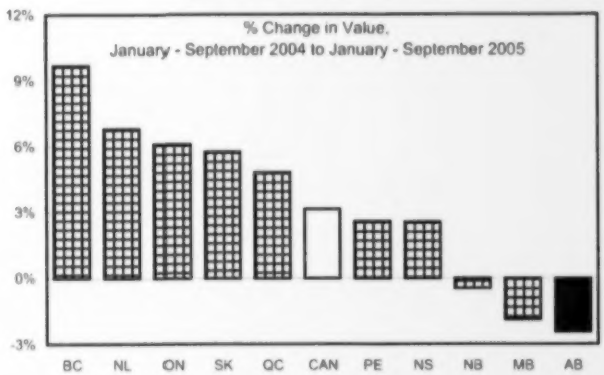

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
EXPORTS ($000,000)											
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	4,497	645	5,479	9,438	64,572	178,921	9,538	12,201	66,838	30,978	385,087
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005	4,551	773	5,680	10,665	66,996	180,328	9,887	13,883	79,207	34,089	407,608
Percent Change	1.2	19.9	3.7	13.0	3.8	0.8	3.7	13.8	18.5	10.0	5.8
WAGES AND SALARIES* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2004	4,781	1,352	9,978	7,810	89,057	178,081	13,067	10,430	52,574	50,933	420,256
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2005	5,004	1,416	10,504	8,047	92,365	186,098	13,678	11,005	56,900	53,838	441,222
Percent Change	4.7	4.7	5.3	3.0	3.7	4.5	4.7	5.5	8.2	5.7	5.0
CONSUMER BANKRUPTCIES (Number)											
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	2,320	253	3,749	2,544	23,145	30,742	2,339	2,187	8,714	8,378	84,426
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005	2,669	335	3,976	2,580	23,433	31,301	2,507	2,049	7,542	8,173	84,638
Percent Change	15.0	32.4	6.1	1.4	1.2	1.8	7.2	-6.3	-13.4	-2.4	0.3
BUSINESS BANKRUPTCIES (Number)											
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	56	39	255	207	1,963	2,558	178	368	1,568	922	8,128
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005	56	42	277	202	1,711	2,716	149	374	1,194	786	7,519
Percent Change	0.0	7.7	8.6	-2.4	-12.8	6.2	-16.3	1.6	-23.9	-14.8	-7.5

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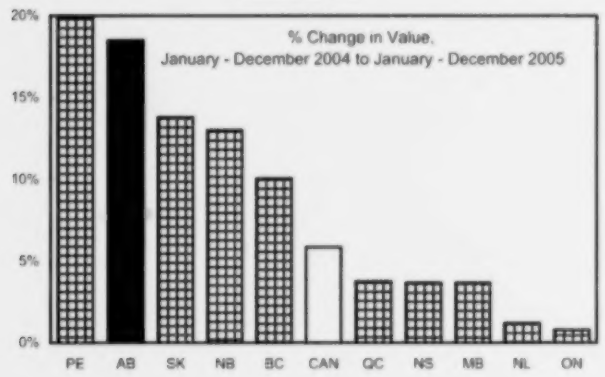

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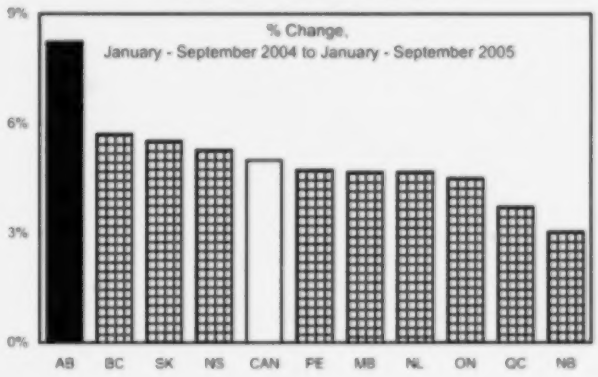

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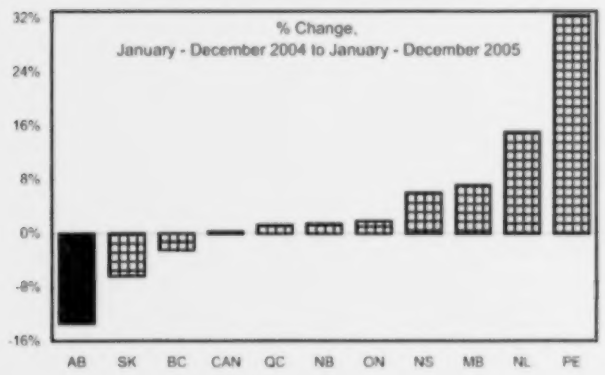

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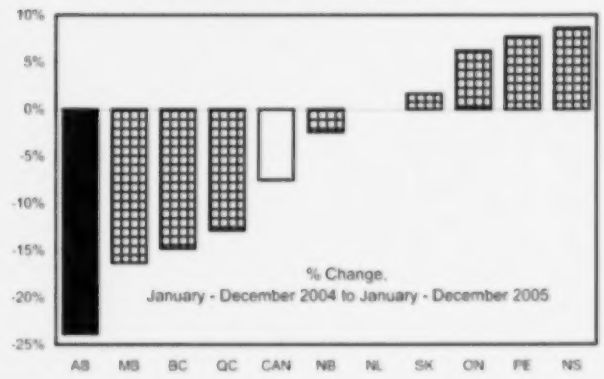

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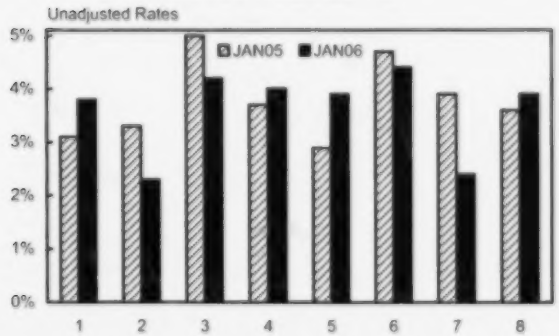
REGIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

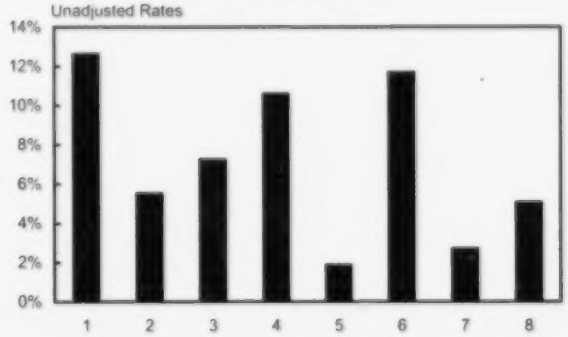
LABOUR FORCE, ALBERTA REGIONS (unadjusted, 3-month *moving average*)	JAN05	JAN06
Labour Force (000s)		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	60.5	63.3
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	122.4	132.5
3) Edmonton Region	603.3	581.8
4) Red Deer Region	92.7	97.9
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	48.5	49.3
6) Calgary Region	667.5	697.7
7) Camrose - Drumheller	103.3	104.1
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	140.2	140.1
Employed (000s)		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	58.6	60.9
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	118.4	129.4
3) Edmonton Region	573.2	557.1
4) Red Deer Region	89.3	94.0
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	47.1	47.4
6) Calgary Region	636.0	666.7
7) Camrose - Drumheller	99.3	101.6
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	135.1	134.6
Unemployment Rate		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	3.1%	3.8%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	3.3%	2.3%
3) Edmonton Region	5.0%	4.2%
4) Red Deer Region	3.7%	4.0%
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	2.9%	3.9%
6) Calgary Region	4.7%	4.4%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	3.9%	2.4%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	3.6%	3.9%
Participation Rate		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	74.1%	74.6%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	71.8%	76.2%
3) Edmonton Region	72.2%	68.2%
4) Red Deer Region	71.9%	73.7%
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	75.4%	75.8%
6) Calgary Region	73.7%	74.8%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	70.6%	70.1%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	72.5%	71.2%

Population (July/2005)	
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	118,174
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	238,435
3) Edmonton Region	1,058,655
4) Red Deer Region	170,392
5) Banff - Jasper	83,793
6) Calgary Region	1,141,996
7) Camrose - Drumheller	190,410
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	254,961
5-year Population Growth (2000-2005)	
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	12.6%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	5.5%
3) Edmonton Region	7.2%
4) Red Deer Region	10.6%
5) Banff - Jasper	1.9%
6) Calgary Region	11.7%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	2.7%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	5.1%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ALBERTA REGIONS



5-YEAR POPULATION GROWTH RATE, ALBERTA REGIONS



REGIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

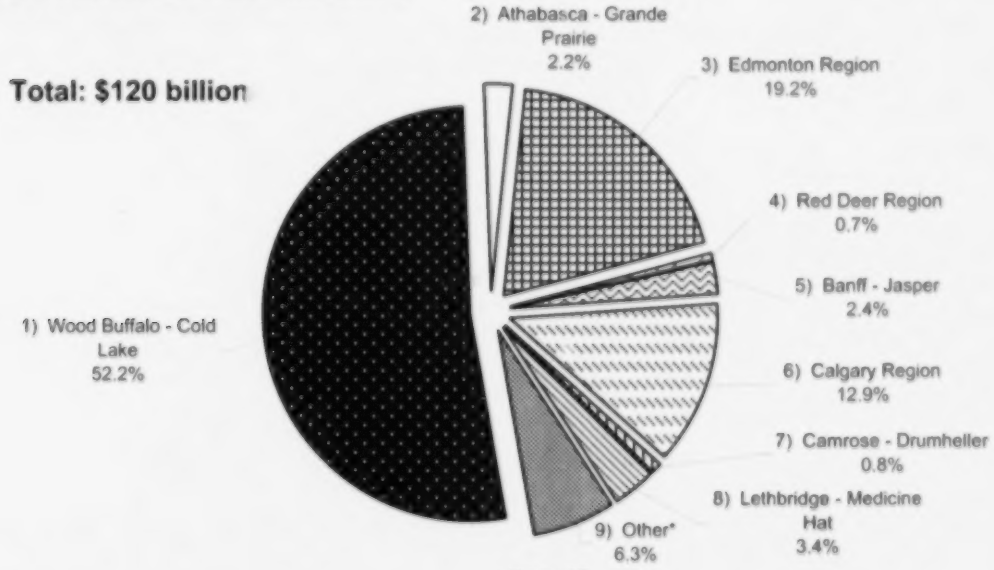
The Inventory of Major Alberta Projects tracks projects valued at $2 million or greater that are planned, underway, or have been recently completed. Project data is obtained from public and private sources.

Major Construction Projects	JANUARY 2006
	Investment ($ 000,000)
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	62,755.0
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	2,614.1
3) Edmonton Region	23,074.8
4) Red Deer Region	788.8
5) Banff - Jasper	2,856.8
6) Calgary Region	15,505.7
7) Camrose - Drumheller	941.8
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	4,028.3
9) Other*	7,608.0
Total	120,173.3

*Projects that cannot be allocated to just one region, e.g. pipelines, highways, etc.

BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	332.1	766.6	130.8	38.1	79.6	108.9	17.1	15.3	-10.4
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	533.1	632.5	18.6	85.4	69.3	-18.9	59.9	63.9	6.6
3) Edmonton Region	2,078.8	2,993.7	44.0	233.7	240.3	2.8	127.1	264.1	107.8
4) Red Deer Region	406.7	535.1	31.6	36.5	34.7	-4.8	22.4	40.2	79.6
5) Banff - Jasper	222.1	259.5	16.8	4.7	25.8	451.7	14.5	24.2	67.2
6) Calgary Region	3,117.3	4,272.8	37.1	265.1	403.6	52.3	235.3	402.3	70.9
7) Camrose - Drumheller	251.8	336.1	33.5	26.6	34.9	31.3	14.8	16.0	7.9
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	385.1	412.0	7.0	31.5	29.0	-8.0	20.9	25.0	20.1
Total	7,327.1	10,208.4	39.3	721.5	917.1	27.1	511.9	850.9	66.2

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS


Total: $120 billion
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie 2.2%
3) Edmonton Region 19.2%
4) Red Deer Region 0.7%
5) Banff - Jasper 2.4%
6) Calgary Region 12.9%
7) Camrose - Drumheller 0.8%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat 3.4%
9) Other* 6.3%
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake 52.2%

Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series - Alberta

	Unemployment Rate* (%)	Employed* (000's)	Building Permits ($000,000)			Dwelling Starts (#, urban)	MLS Housing Resales (#)	Employment Insurance Beneficiaries*	Wages and Salaries* ($000,000)
			Alberta	Calgary	Edmonton				
1997	5.9	1,451	4,446	1,828	879	18,938	43,693	30,358	43,823
1998	5.6	1,510	5,552	2,486	1,167	21,725	43,383	33,005	47,650
1999	5.7	1,544	4,802	1,917	1,124	20,216	42,684	35,962	49,264
2000	5.0	1,584	5,296	2,287	1,249	21,506	43,311	27,391	54,624
2001	4.6	1,631	5,912	2,309	1,462	24,457	48,989	25,559	61,355
2002	5.3	1,671	6,847	2,714	1,797	32,729	51,042	32,489	63,400
Jan03	5.3	1,697	473	248	133	1,833	3,165	32,950	5,431
Feb03	4.9	1,702	408	214	94	2,636	3,612	32,740	5,431
Mar03	5.4	1,693	481	203	138	2,338	4,318	33,360	5,449
Apr03	5.6	1,698	572	238	140	2,908	4,990	34,380	5,433
May03	5.6	1,709	647	249	178	2,739	5,129	35,350	5,436
Jun03	5.3	1,713	839	406	177	2,921	5,086	35,090	5,468
Jul03	4.9	1,718	611	185	200	3,103	5,249	35,460	5,528
Aug03	5.1	1,721	560	261	131	3,050	4,561	34,570	5,548
Sep03	4.8	1,728	564	197	147	2,962	4,536	34,080	5,605
Oct03	4.7	1,737	612	239	161	2,682	4,402	33,580	5,611
Nov03	4.7	1,738	455	201	132	2,605	3,402	32,780	5,640
Dec03	4.8	1,747	446	180	136	2,288	2,884	31,910	5,687
Average/Sum	5.1	1,717	6,667	2,819	1,767	32,066	51,334	33,854	66,266
Jan04	4.7	1,741	347	126	135	1,985	2,980	30,660	5,718
Feb04	5.1	1,745	382	189	91	2,481	3,972	31,160	5,753
Mar04	5.0	1,750	664	294	171	2,124	5,942	30,410	5,791
Apr04	4.4	1,760	712	334	179	2,425	5,814	29,580	5,818
May04	4.3	1,758	720	243	207	2,268	5,993	28,240	5,835
Jun04	4.6	1,758	681	231	213	3,516	5,784	29,360	5,877
Jul04	4.6	1,752	702	300	194	2,596	5,283	29,340	5,892
Aug04	4.4	1,764	617	232	157	2,797	5,200	29,410	5,926
Sep04	4.6	1,772	581	212	141	2,895	4,721	28,600	5,964
Oct04	4.7	1,762	687	234	189	3,222	4,457	27,280	5,982
Nov04	4.6	1,766	722	242	225	3,202	4,148	26,910	6,061
Dec04	4.3	1,766	512	218	126	2,677	3,166	26,330	6,120
Average/Sum	4.6	1,758	7,327	2,857	2,028	32,188	57,460	28,940	70,738
Jan05	4.3	1,772	513	158	195	1,854	3,187	26,230	6,122
Feb05	4.0	1,773	548	236	143	2,215	4,373	25,080	6,173
Mar05	3.6	1,777	995	527	211	2,480	6,005	24,320	6,248
Apr05	4.1	1,779	998	370	255	3,269	6,479	23,150	6,269
May05	3.6	1,783	940	350	230	3,681	6,816	21,840	6,323
Jun05	3.9	1,779	892	330	286	2,655	6,976	22,200	6,350
Jul05	3.6	1,788	877	327	294	**2,810**	5,816	20,170	6,429
Aug05	3.9	1,787	907	316	269	**2,927**	6,338	24,110	6,467
Sep05	4.1	1,784	784	268	212	**3,698**	5,725	**20,940**	6,517
Oct05	4.0	1,794	**986**	**292**	**346**	**3,096**	5,221	**20,350**	
Nov05	4.2	1,797	**917**	**368**	**236**	**2,952**	5,296	**19,150**	
Dec05	4.2	1,800	**851**	**378**	**258**	**2,663**	**3,634**		
Average/Sum	3.9	1,784	10,208	3,921	2,936	34,301	65,866		
Jan06	3.5	1,810				**2,255**			
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	Average Weekly Earnings* ($)	International Travellers (#, direct entries)**	Retail Trade* ($000,000)	Rest., Caterer & Tavern Rec. ($000,000)	Wholesale Trade* ($000,000)	New Motor Vehicle Sales* (#)	Energy Production	
							Oil/Equiv. (Tsds m^3)	Gas (Mlns m^3)
1996	597.16	777,708	23,816	2,634	25,394	133,765	90,353	167,236
1997	618.56	787,755	27,134	3,000	31,464	167,673	93,976	168,094
1998	635.70	848,465	28,295	2,901	30,754	163,397	94,676	172,644
1999	644.83	874,620	29,454	3,017	31,135	160,838	89,066	175,279
2000	664.27	880,729	31,738	3,328	34,847	175,545	89,136	176,146
2001	683.43	845,325	34,560	3,688	37,258	187,862	89,365	174,094
Jan02	695.20	35,849	3,119	288	3,245	17,941	7,642	14,288
Feb02	695.76	41,273	3,049	284	3,128	17,236	7,020	12,994
Mar02	696.39	55,342	3,009	323	3,114	16,224	7,476	14,308
Apr02	697.46	37,483	3,094	320	3,169	16,849	7,443	13,906
May02	695.96	62,974	3,119	334	3,129	16,936	7,234	14,068
Jun02	697.45	101,239	3,172	318	3,154	17,310	6,993	13,403
Jul02	700.45	153,478	3,129	338	3,196	16,973	7,648	13,845
Aug02	699.22	126,646	3,165	330	3,269	17,101	7,880	13,995
Sep02	700.47	78,482	3,158	305	3,290	16,888	7,624	13,390
Oct02	701.27	46,210	3,198	323	3,274	17,000	7,786	13,766
Nov02	702.48	31,690	3,230	317	3,321	16,994	7,412	13,510
Dec02	703.58	55,718	3,221	326	3,469	17,353	7,727	13,631
Average/Sum	698.81	826,384	37,663	3,806	38,758	204,805	89,885	165,102
Jan03	701.84	40,855	3,233	293	3,462	16,674	7,687	15,329
Feb03	706.89	44,729	3,246	290	3,461	16,765	6,891	13,779
Mar03	706.31	52,588	3,214	322	3,422	16,117	7,369	14,444
Apr03	701.19	42,506	3,226	322	3,274	15,080	7,310	13,523
May03	690.99	56,432	3,228	348	3,412	16,801	7,713	13,532
Jun03	705.08	103,404	3,260	326	3,480	15,913	7,800	12,968
Jul03	706.03	145,718	3,302	348	3,504	17,916	8,634	13,692
Aug03	708.63	115,427	3,343	338	3,470	16,791	8,626	13,660
Sep03	718.87	71,269	3,282	313	3,498	16,180	8,047	13,044
Oct03	708.84	45,335	3,305	341	3,611	16,076	8,323	13,793
Nov03	711.70	33,853	3,328	329	3,621	15,512	8,116	13,834
Dec03	720.84	54,191	3,351	335	3,653	14,624	8,797	15,073
Average/Sum	707.27	806,307	39,318	3,904	41,868	194,449	95,311	166,671
Jan04	714.60	37,117	3,385	314	3,672	15,150	8,547	15,234
Feb04	725.28	43,930	3,567	313	3,739	15,968	8,134	13,826
Mar04	727.15	51,994	3,584	347	3,831	16,340	8,575	14,091
Apr04	722.61	42,699	3,564	349	3,811	16,526	8,220	13,628
May04	723.77	64,476	3,574	361	3,887	16,136	8,558	13,847
Jun04	729.86	105,835	3,594	345	3,879	15,867	8,267	13,286
Jul04	724.24	172,370	3,609	373	3,839	16,169	8,487	13,807
Aug04	731.35	132,629	3,598	364	4,102	16,309	8,810	13,774
Sep04	735.37	96,435	3,663	334	3,982	16,336	8,378	13,125
Oct04	737.33	68,512	3,765	352	4,100	17,069	8,393	13,846
Nov04	744.16	42,492	3,752	343	4,131	17,252	8,418	13,850
Dec04	753.37	54,831	3,714	349	4,248	17,032	8,484	15,462
Average/Sum	730.76	913,320	43,372	4,143	47,221	196,154	101,272	167,774
Jan05	751.40	42,642	3,778	335	4,203	16,398	7,941	15,451
Feb05	756.66	56,946	3,877	338	4,329	18,138	7,144	13,353
Mar05	759.02	56,457	3,903	376	4,406	17,699	7,728	14,425
Apr05	758.27	35,705	4,006	381	4,609	18,986	7,832	13,683
May05	759.61	65,436	4,046	375	4,583	17,054	8,226	13,687
Jun05	765.10	116,196	4,032	382	4,518	19,117	7,925	13,024
Jul05	769.75	164,956	4,154	390	4,495	21,409	8,197	13,918
Aug05	776.80	122,614	**4,159**	**383**	**4,569**	19,377	8,462	13,931
Sep05	777.72	92,745	**4,122**	**368**	**4,699**	**18,597**		
Oct05	**783.04**	54,304	**4,143**	**383**	**4,724**	**18,175**		
Nov05	**789.15**	**37,838**	**4,203**	**379**	**4,768**	**18,460**		
Dec05						**18,909**		
Average/Sum						**222,319**		

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	Rigs	Energy Prices		Manufacturing	International	Bankruptcies		Incorporations	
	Drilling (#)	WTI Crude (US$/barrel)	Gas (C$/GJ)	Shipments* ($000,000)	Exports ($000,000)	Business (#)	Consumer (#)	Alberta (#)	Non-Alberta (#)
1997	310	20.61	1.87	34,184	33,498	1,460	9,913	24,343	1,840
1998	218	14.43	1.84	32,840	31,027	1,349	8,108	21,484	1,881
1999	210	19.24	2.35	37,096	34,648	1,553	8,782	22,762	1,786
2000	296	30.20	4.27	44,430	55,382	1,709	8,847	27,001	1,970
2001	298	25.90	5.12	45,480	56,926	1,688	8,121	27,907	1,955
2002	231	26.09	3.68	43,761	48,742	1,998	8,234	28,141	2,001
Jan03	402	32.70	5.88	4,018	5,235	134	752	2,648	156
Feb03	414	35.73	6.83	4,007	4,825	137	742	2,389	176
Mar03	369	33.16	8.94	4,002	6,251	150	790	2,700	175
Apr03	141	28.14	5.88	3,713	4,644	142	828	2,531	147
May03	125	28.07	5.73	3,671	4,243	121	736	2,580	140
Jun03	261	30.52	5.93	3,675	4,200	138	807	2,568	164
Jul03	341	30.70	5.58	3,687	4,529	109	812	2,465	174
Aug03	344	31.60	5.08	3,711	4,574	124	726	2,200	130
Sep03	298	28.31	5.19	3,756	4,262	161	820	2,613	148
Oct03	331	30.35	4.92	3,865	4,582	136	809	2,682	160
Nov03	342	31.06	4.60	3,837	4,440	144	681	2,536	150
Dec03	401	32.14	5.11	3,978	4,873	140	657	2,768	171
Average/Sum	314	31.04	5.81	45,919	56,659	1,636	9,160	30,680	1,891
Jan04	421	34.22	6.10	3,998	5,445	132	763	2,799	173
Feb04	433	34.43	5.83	4,117	4,912	179	797	2,488	185
Mar04	364	36.72	5.49	4,241	5,396	160	897	3,174	205
Apr04	156	36.62	5.64	4,312	5,131	134	732	2,795	165
May04	170	40.26	6.28	4,233	5,341	131	695	2,649	174
Jun04	263	38.07	6.47	4,448	6,278	138	806	2,669	181
Jul04	308	40.70	6.17	4,537	5,734	118	611	2,428	156
Aug04	309	44.88	5.99	4,509	5,818	114	713	2,303	163
Sep04	272	45.85	5.21	4,483	5,177	113	710	2,642	177
Oct04	370	53.09	5.29	4,549	5,357	105	664	2,644	157
Nov04	434	48.58	6.58	4,843	6,073	106	737	2,808	162
Dec04	471	43.30	6.70	4,695	6,172	135	594	2,877	143
Average/Sum	**331**	41.39	5.98	52,966	66,836	1,565	8,719	32,276	2,041
Jan05	466	46.92	6.02	4,671	6,102	119	610	2,932	172
Feb05	482	48.05	5.94	4,725	5,448	147	658	2,662	177
Mar05	360	54.62	6.30	4,798	5,954	148	750	3,226	195
Apr05	146	53.22	6.79	4,889	5,823	139	685	3,119	181
May05	224	50.05	6.51	4,866	5,966	112	630	3,139	213
Jun05	250	56.41	6.34	4,968	5,801	112	703	3,347	201
Jul05	391	59.01	6.87	4,763	6,226	60	566	2,777	189
Aug05	423	65.00	7.45	**4,909**	6,777	70	687	2,999	181
Sep05	392	65.62	9.46	**5,033**	7,203	83	645	3,361	191
Oct05	430	62.28	11.38	**5,069**	**8,251**	67	611	3,404	199
Nov05	491	58.31	**10.81**	**5,137**	**7,444**	59	585	3,458	201
Dec05	523	59.40			**8,215**	79	414	3,614	184
Average/Sum	381	56.57			**79,210**	**1,195**	**7,544**	38,038	2,284
Jan06	**495**	**65.25**						**3,794**	**224**
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	Consumer Price Index (1992 = 100)			Consumer Price Index (2000 = 100)		Exchange Rates		Prime Rates	
	Alberta	Edmonton	Calgary	Canada	U.S	(Cdn$/US$)	(Cdn$/EURO)	Canada (%)	U.S. (%)
1997	109.5	108.7	109.7	95.3	93.4	1.3844	N/A	4.96	8.46
1998	110.7	109.7	111.3	96.0	94.7	1.4831	N/A	6.60	8.31
1999	113.4	112.2	114.2	97.3	96.7	1.4857	1.5853	6.44	8.02
2000	117.4	115.9	118.4	100.0	100.0	1.4854	1.3704	7.27	9.27
2001	120.1	118.4	121.3	102.6	102.8	1.5489	1.3872	5.81	6.79
2002	124.2	121.9	125.8	104.9	104.4	1.5706	1.4838	4.21	4.67
Jan03	128.6	127.4	128.9	107.0	105.5	1.5410	1.6373	4.50	4.25
Feb03	129.0	127.8	129.3	107.8	106.3	1.5124	1.6308	4.50	4.25
Mar03	130.2	128.9	130.7	108.2	107.0	1.4759	1.5937	4.75	4.25
Apr03	130.2	128.8	130.9	107.4	106.7	1.4585	1.5841	5.00	4.25
May03	129.4	128.0	130.1	107.5	106.5	1.3845	1.6009	5.00	4.25
Jun03	130.1	128.7	130.7	107.6	106.7	1.3523	1.5788	5.00	4.25
Jul03	129.6	128.5	129.8	107.7	106.8	1.3815	1.5696	4.75	4.00
Aug03	129.3	128.2	129.7	107.9	107.2	1.3957	1.5558	4.75	4.00
Sep03	130.1	128.9	130.5	108.1	107.5	1.3632	1.5359	4.50	4.00
Oct03	129.6	128.1	130.2	107.8	107.4	1.3218	1.5485	4.50	4.00
Nov03	130.0	128.5	130.7	108.1	107.1	1.3126	1.5383	4.50	4.00
Dec03	129.9	128.4	130.7	108.2	107.0	1.3128	1.6138	4.50	4.00
Average/Sum	129.7	128.4	130.2	107.8	106.8	1.4010	1.5823	4.69	4.13
Jan04	129.8	128.0	130.9	108.3	107.5	1.2960	1.6362	4.25	4.00
Feb04	129.9	127.9	131.0	108.5	108.1	1.3290	1.6807	4.25	4.00
Mar04	130.3	128.3	131.4	108.9	108.8	1.3284	1.6289	4.00	4.00
Apr04	130.6	128.7	131.6	109.1	109.2	1.3425	1.6087	3.75	4.00
May04	131.7	129.8	132.7	110.1	109.8	1.3783	1.6554	3.75	4.00
Jun04	133.0	131.2	133.9	110.2	110.2	1.3577	1.6490	3.75	4.00
Jul04	132.1	130.4	133.1	110.1	110.0	1.3219	1.6222	3.75	4.25
Aug04	131.9	130.2	132.8	109.9	110.0	1.3118	1.6003	3.75	4.50
Sep04	132.0	130.4	132.8	110.0	110.3	1.2878	1.5744	4.00	4.75
Oct04	131.6	129.8	132.6	110.3	110.9	1.2469	1.5594	4.25	4.75
Nov04	132.5	130.7	133.5	110.7	110.9	1.1961	1.5556	4.25	5.00
Dec04	132.2	130.4	133.1	110.5	110.5	1.2191	1.6317	4.25	5.25
Average/Sum	131.5	129.7	132.5	109.7	109.7	1.3013	1.6169	4.00	4.38
Jan05	131.7	130.1	132.5	110.4	110.7	1.2253	1.6052	4.25	5.25
Feb05	131.9	130.1	132.7	110.8	111.4	1.2397	1.6133	4.25	5.50
Mar05	132.7	131.0	133.4	111.4	112.3	1.2161	1.6045	4.25	5.75
Apr05	133.6	131.6	134.4	111.8	113.0	1.2360	1.5997	4.25	5.75
May05	133.4	131.5	134.3	111.9	112.9	1.2555	1.5934	4.25	6.00
Jun05	133.9	131.8	134.9	112.0	113.0	1.2402	1.5076	4.25	6.00
Jul05	135.0	133.1	135.9	112.3	113.5	1.2227	1.4714	4.25	6.25
Aug05	135.0	133.0	135.9	112.7	114.1	1.2040	1.4808	4.25	6.50
Sep05	136.6	134.8	137.3	113.7	115.4	1.1776	1.4409	4.50	6.75
Oct05	136.2	134.3	137.0	**113.2**	115.7	1.1776	1.4156	4.75	6.75
Nov05	136.1	134.2	136.9		**114.8**	1.1811	1.3922	4.75	7.00
Dec05	**135.4**	**133.3**	**136.5**			1.1610	1.3771	5.00	7.25
Average/Sum	**134.3**	**132.4**	**135.1**			1.2114	1.5085	4.42	6.23
Jan06						**1.1573**	**1.4032**	**5.25**	**7.25**
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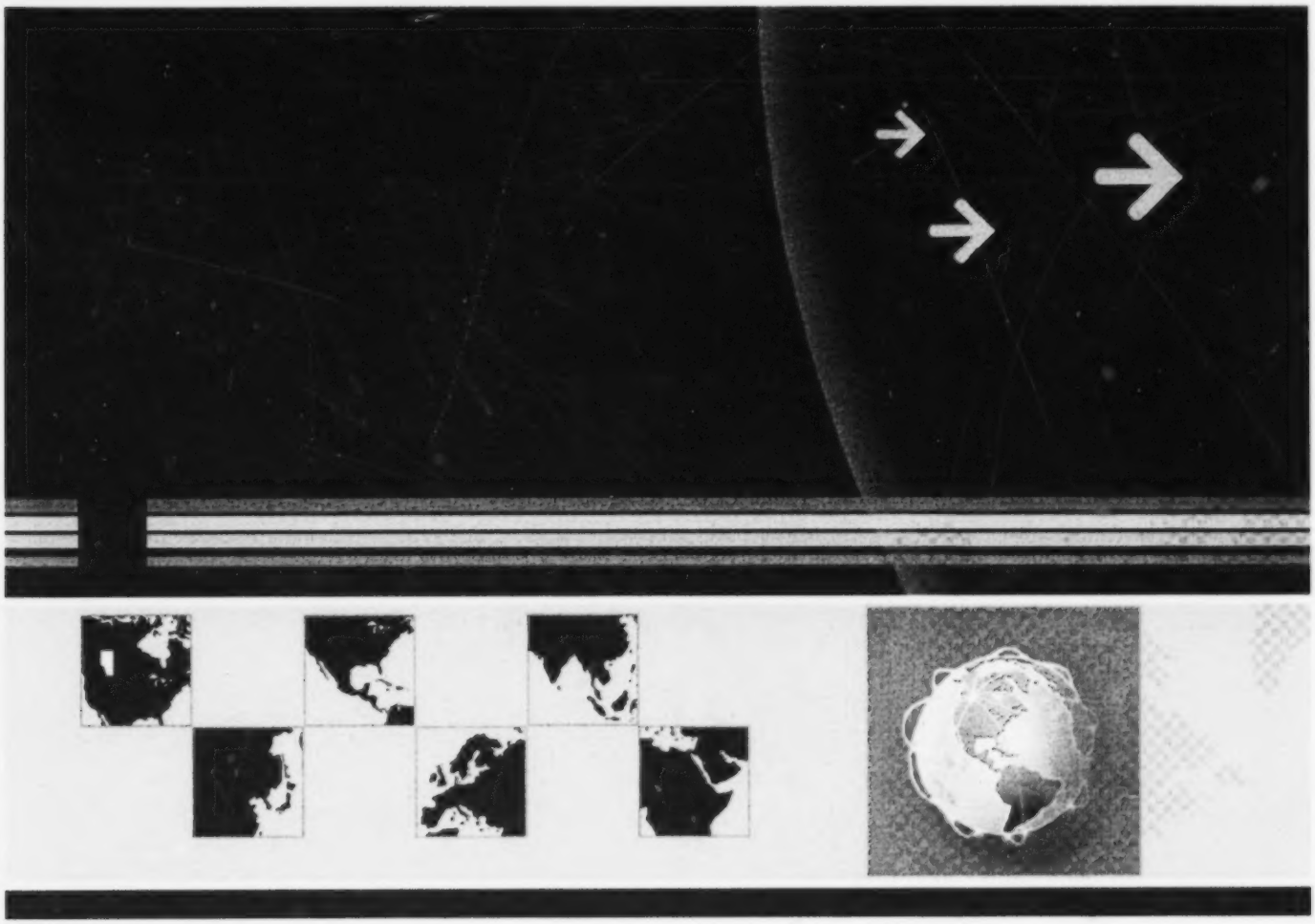

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Current Economic Indicators
March 2006
Highlights

Labour Force: Alberta's unemployment rate was 3.1% in February, down from 3.5% in January, and well below the 4.0% recorded in the same month last year. February's unemployment rate was the lowest on record and was partly the result of the second largest monthly employment gain (+25,100), most of it in the service industries. On a national basis, the Canadian unemployment rate in February was a much higher 6.4%, down from 6.6% in the previous month. On a year-over-year basis, the number of people employed in Alberta jumped by 3.5% or by 61,900. The largest employment gains were in the *Wholesale Trade* and *Professional, Scientific and Technical Service* sectors.

Construction: In February, Alberta urban housing starts rose sharply by 31.9%, compared to February 2005. In the first two months of 2006, Alberta housing starts climbed by 27.2% from the same period last year, due to a large increase (+50.8%) in single-detached units. In January, the value of building permits jumped by 28.7% from the same month last year. Residential permits increased sharply by 66.2%, while non-residential permits declined by 8.7%.

Consumer Spending: In December, Alberta retail sales grew strongly by 14.2%, compared to December 2004. In 2005, sales by retailers increased by 12.2% from 2004, to $48.7 billion. Alberta had the fastest growth rate in Canada, nearly doubling the national advance of 6.3%. The number of homes sold in Alberta via the Multiple Listing Service grew strongly by 47.0% in January, compared to the same month last year. Over the same period, new motor vehicle sales were 21.7% higher. The year-over-year change in Alberta's Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 4.1% in January, up from 2.4% in December 2005. Large price increases were noted for natural gas, electricity, gasoline and home insurance. Excluding food and energy, the CPI rose by a far lower 2.4%.

Energy: The number of active drilling rigs climbed by 10.2% in February, compared to the same month last year, to an all-time high of 531. For the January to November 2005 period, crude oil production was down 3.1% and natural gas production was up by 0.2%, compared to the same period in 2004.

Manufacturing: In December, the value of Alberta manufacturing shipments rose sharply by 14.6%, compared to December 2005. In 2005, manufacturing shipments increased by 12.1% from 2004, to an all-time high $59.4 billion. Large shipment gains were noted for *Machinery*, *Petroleum & Coal Products* and *Plastics*. In 2005, Alberta had the highest manufacturing growth rate in Canada, topping the national advance of 3.3%.

Farm Cash Receipts: In 2005, Alberta farm cash receipts edged downwards by 1.7% from 2004, to $7.9 billion due to lower crop receipts (-11.0%) and program payments (-22.1%). Alberta livestock receipts advanced strongly by 11.7% primarily due to a sharp increase in cattle and calf receipts (+19.3%).

Exports: In January, the value of Alberta's merchandise exports jumped by 36.1% from January 2005, to a record $8.3 billion. This was the highest export growth rate in Canada. Large export gains were noted for *energy* (+45.9%) and *agricultural* (+23.3%) products. Nationally, the value of Canadian merchandise exports grew by 14.8%.

Bankruptcies: In January, the number of business bankruptcies dropped by 21.8% from January 2005, and consumer bankruptcies fell by 16.7%.

CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS (seasonally adjusted)	JANUARY - FEBRUARY AVERAGE			JANUARY			FEBRUARY		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Labour Force (000's)	1,849.1	1,885.1	1.9	1,851.1	1,875.5	1.3	1,847.1	1,894.6	2.6
Calgary	622.2	650.4	4.5	623.0	647.9	4.0	621.3	652.8	5.1
Edmonton	582.8	565.9	-2.9	585.9	565.5	-3.5	579.6	566.3	-2.3
Employed (000's)	1,772.6	1,822.8	2.8	1,771.8	1,810.2	2.2	1,773.4	1,835.3	3.5
Calgary	594.0	623.0	4.9	594.3	619.2	4.2	593.7	626.7	5.6
Edmonton	554.6	542.6	-2.2	556.7	541.4	-2.7	552.4	543.7	-1.6
Employment Rate (%)	70.0	70.1	0.1	70.0	69.7	-0.3	70.0	70.5	0.5
Calgary	70.3	71.7	1.3	70.4	71.3	0.9	70.2	72.0	1.8
Edmonton	68.9	66.0	-3.0	69.2	65.9	-3.3	68.6	66.0	-2.6
Unemployment (000's)	76.5	62.4	-18.4	79.3	65.4	-17.5	73.6	59.3	-19.4
Calgary	28.2	27.4	-3.0	28.7	28.7	0.0	27.7	26.0	-6.1
Edmonton	28.2	23.4	-17.2	29.2	24.1	-17.5	27.2	22.6	-16.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	3.3	-0.9	4.3	3.5	-0.8	4.0	3.1	-0.9
Calgary	4.6	4.2	-0.4	4.6	4.4	-0.2	4.5	4.0	-0.5
Edmonton	4.9	2.2	-2.7	5.0	4.3	-0.7	4.7	0.0	-4.7
Participation Rate (%)	73.1	72.5	-0.6	73.2	72.2	-1.0	72.9	72.8	-0.1
Calgary	74.7	74.8	0.1	73.8	74.6	0.8	75.5	75.0	-0.5
Edmonton	72.4	68.8	-3.6	72.8	68.8	-4.0	71.9	68.7	-3.2

NOTE: Calgary and Edmonton estimates are 3-month moving averages.

ADDITIONAL LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS (unadjusted)	JANUARY - FEBRUARY AVERAGE			JANUARY			FEBRUARY		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Male Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	3.6	-1.2	5.1	4.1	-1.0	4.4	3.1	-1.3
Female Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	3.6	-0.6	4.4	3.9	-0.5	3.8	3.2	-0.6
Youth Unemployment Rate (%)	8.9	7.6	-1.4	9.2	8.8	-0.4	8.6	6.3	-2.3
Working Age Population (000's)	2,531.4	2,600.0	2.7	2,529.5	2,596.6	2.7	2,533.3	2,603.3	2.8
Calgary	844.6	869.5	3.0	843.8	868.1	2.9	845.3	870.9	3.0
Edmonton	805.2	823.2	2.2	804.7	822.1	2.2	805.7	824.3	2.3
Employed (000's)	1,744.6	1,796.5	3.0	1,740.5	1,780.2	2.3	1,748.6	1,812.8	3.7
Full-time	1,416.1	1,470.8	3.9	1,409.0	1,464.8	4.0	1,423.2	1,476.7	3.8
Part-time	328.5	325.8	-0.8	331.5	315.4	-4.9	325.4	336.1	3.3

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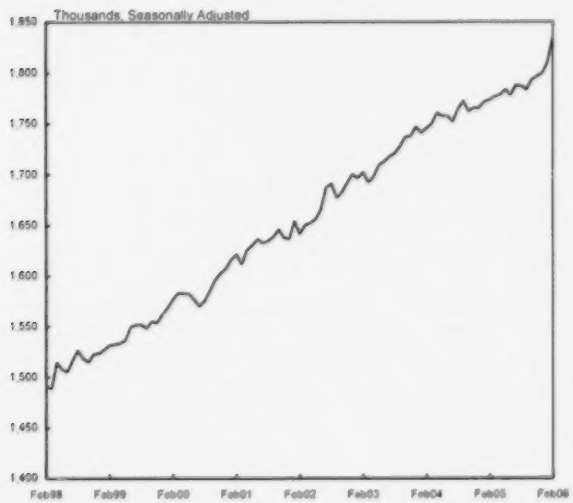
EMPLOYMENT



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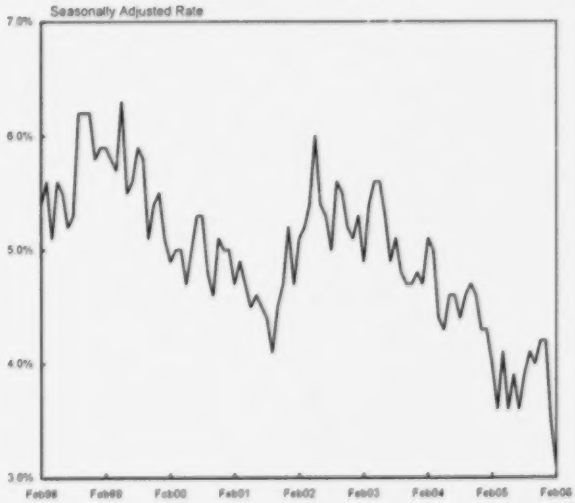

INDUSTRY LABOUR FORCE (unadjusted)	JANUARY - FEBRUARY AVERAGE			JANUARY			FEBRUARY		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Agriculture									
Unemployment Rate (%)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	55.6	49.6	-10.8	56.4	47.7	-15.4	54.7	51.4	-6.0
Mining & Oil & Gas En/atraction									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.3	2.0	-0.3	2.5	2.5	0.0	2.0	1.5	-0.5
Employed (000's)	120.4	128.0	6.3	119.6	128.0	7.0	121.2	127.9	5.5
Construction									
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.8	5.6	-2.2	9.1	6.3	-2.8	6.4	4.9	-1.5
Employed (000's)	153.9	158.1	2.7	154.6	158.7	2.7	153.1	157.4	2.8
Manufacturing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	1.8	-1.5	3.9	2.1	-1.8	2.6	1.5	-1.1
Employed (000's)	135.6	123.5	-9.0	138.1	123.9	-10.3	133.1	123.0	-7.6
Wholesale Trade									
Unemployment Rate (%)	n/a	3.1	n/a	n/a	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	64.5	80.4	24.6	64.5	79.2	22.8	64.5	81.5	26.4
Retail Trade									
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.2	-0.2	4.7	4.6	-0.1	4.0	3.7	-0.3
Employed (000's)	217.8	209.9	-3.6	217.0	208.6	-3.9	218.5	211.2	-3.3
Transportation & Warehousing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.2	2.4	-0.8	4.5	2.4	-2.1	1.9	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	98.7	103.8	5.2	95.0	102.9	8.3	102.4	104.7	2.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.7	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	94.4	96.1	1.8	92.4	95.1	2.9	96.4	97.1	0.7
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.5	n/a	n/a	3.9	n/a	n/a	3.0	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	119.5	139.9	17.1	114.5	140.0	22.3	124.4	139.7	12.3
Business, Building and Other Support Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	7.3	0.8	6.9	9.6	2.7	6.1	5.0	-1.1
Employed (000's)	60.8	55.5	-8.6	59.6	51.5	-13.6	61.9	59.5	-3.9
Educational Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.7	2.7	1.0	1.7	2.7	1.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	123.6	129.4	4.7	120.1	126.4	5.2	127.0	132.3	4.2
Health Care & Social Assistance									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.4	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	161.4	173.7	7.6	162.6	175.1	7.7	160.1	172.2	7.6
Information, Culture and Recreation									
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	7.7	3.5	3.4	8.8	5.4	4.9	6.5	1.6
Employed (000's)	65.0	63.3	-2.7	64.7	63.0	-2.6	65.3	63.5	-2.8
Accommodation & Food Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	5.1	-1.6	6.0	5.9	-0.1	7.4	4.3	-3.1
Employed (000's)	116.5	107.7	-7.5	121.1	108.9	-10.1	111.8	106.5	-4.7
Other Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.4	2.3	-0.2	2.4	2.4	0.0	n/a	2.1	n/a
Employed (000's)	80.1	85.1	6.2	82.5	80.6	-2.3	77.6	89.5	15.3
Public Administration									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.6	2.3	-0.3	2.8	n/a	n/a	2.3	2.3	0.0
Employed (000's)	62.5	74.8	19.6	62.7	72.4	15.5	62.3	77.1	23.8

NOTE: "n/a" is reported in instances of insufficient response.

BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	DECEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	JANUARY 2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total Value, seasonally adjusted	7,327.1	10,187.0	39.0	643.2	1,049.5	63.2	712.1	916.8	28.7
Total Value, unadjusted	7,327.1	10,187.0	39.0	511.9	849.8	66.0	491.2	657.8	33.9
Calgary	2,856.9	3,921.3	37.3	218.5	378.5	73.3	158.1	254.1	60.7
Edmonton	2,027.8	2,912.3	43.6	125.6	258.2	105.6	173.8	213.0	22.6
Residential	4,864.2	6,048.4	24.3	282.1	516.3	83.0	279.5	464.5	66.2
Calgary	1,962.5	2,328.6	18.7	136.3	205.7	51.0	112.0	182.6	63.0
Edmonton	1374.8	1,914.8	39.3	58.5	176.7	202.3	106.0	163.0	53.9
Industrial	429.0	858.6	100.1	45.2	37.6	-16.8	34.2	18.1	-47.2
Calgary	70.0	171.1	144.4	7.6	3.3	-56.9	9.3	1.5	-83.7
Edmonton	115.4	153.2	32.7	9.6	18.1	88.5	18.4	7.2	-61.1
Commercial	1,544.8	2,379.7	54.0	126.1	255.4	102.4	160.3	158.2	-1.3
Calgary	633.3	1036.1	63.6	56.7	165.5	191.8	32.4	66.5	105.1
Edmonton	428.4	512.1	19.5	31.7	49.0	54.3	40.0	40.5	1.1
Institutional/Government	489.1	900.4	84.1	58.4	40.5	-30.7	17.1	17.0	-1.0
Calgary	191.2	385.5	101.6	17.8	4.0	-77.7	4.3	3.5	-19.3
Edmonton	109.2	332.1	204.1	25.8	14.5	-43.9	9.4	2.3	-75.1
							211.7	193.2	-8.7

HOUSING STARTS (urban)	JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2005	2006	Per cent Change	JANUARY 2005	2006	Per cent Change	FEBRUARY 2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total	4,069	5,177	27.2	1,854	2,255	21.6	2,215	2,921	31.9
Single Detached	2,480	3,741	50.8	1,116	1,828	63.8	1,364	1,912	40.2
All Others*	1,589	1,436	-9.6	738	427	-42.1	851	1,009	18.6
Calgary	1,919	2,174	13.3	874	1,086	24.3	1,045	1,088	4.1
Edmonton	1,285	2,016	56.9	646	843	30.5	639	1,173	83.6

* Includes: two family, row, and apartment dwellings

MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE (MLS) HOUSING RESALES	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	DECEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	JANUARY 2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total	57,460	65,866	14.6	3,166	3,634	14.8	3,187	4,686	47.0
Calgary	26,511	31,569	19.1	1,538	1,877	22.0	1,613	2,408	49.3
Edmonton	17,652	18,634	5.6	926	908	-1.9	886	1,175	32.6
Total Value ($000,000)	11,191.4	14,376.3	28.5	642.0	860.9	34.1	668.5	1,136.3	70.0
Calgary	5,908.2	7,918.5	34.0	358.8	515.2	43.6	388.1	696.2	79.4
Edmonton	3,170.5	3,613.8	14.0	164.1	179.7	9.5	160.2	234.0	46.1

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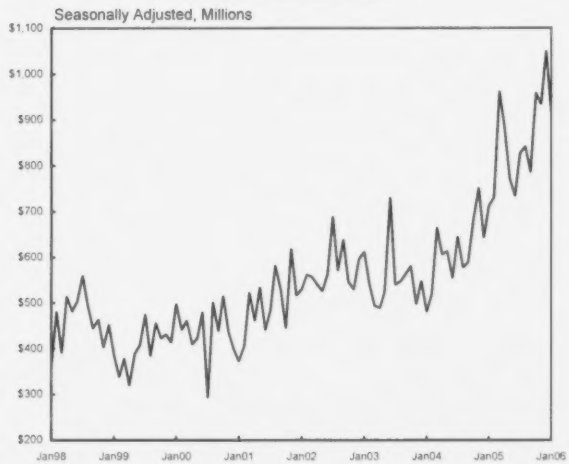

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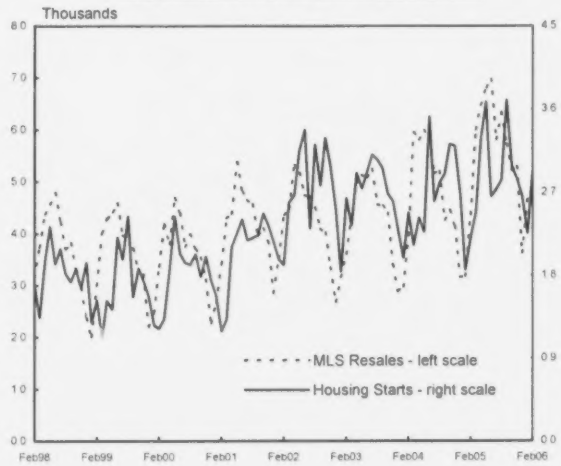

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	JANUARY - DECEMBER AVERAGE			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Number of Recipients, seasonally adj.	28,940	22,258	-23.1	26,910	19,120	-28.9	26,330	19,310	-26.7

WAGES AND SALARIES ($000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total, seasonally adjusted	70,738	77,378	9.4	6,061	6,777	11.8	6,120	6,844	11.8

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS ALL EMPLOYEES	JANUARY - DECEMBER AVERAGE			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
$/week, seasonally adjusted	730.76	768.94	5.2	744.16	787.47	5.8	753.37	782.38	3.9

INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS, NON-RESIDENTS ENTERING ALBERTA	JANUARY - DECEMBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total (includes same-day)	1,012,685	994,946	-1.8	47,469	41,262	-13.1	59,287	65,000	9.6
Total (excludes same-day)	913,320	906,714	-0.7	42,492	37,838	-11.0	54,831	60,875	11.0
U.S.A. (excludes same-day)	640,068	612,361	-4.3	34,612	29,511	-14.7	39,420	39,954	1.4
United Kingdom	112,627	128,428	14.0	2,023	2,278	12.6	7,481	10,662	42.5
Germany	29,185	35,134	20.4	883	820	-7.1	1,402	1,372	-2.1
Japan	35,535	30,858	-13.2	570	815	43.0	313	471	50.5
Netherlands	15,028	15,439	2.7	335	274	-18.2	565	645	14.2
Australia	10,027	12,418	23.8	585	591	1.0	991	1,667	68.2
Switzerland	9,195	8,242	-10.4	206	229	11.2	334	368	10.2
Mexico	5,399	5,738	6.3	219	259	18.3	449	705	57.0

Figures given are for non-residents entering Alberta directly. Consequently, actual totals will be understated since significant numbers of tourists enter via other provinces.

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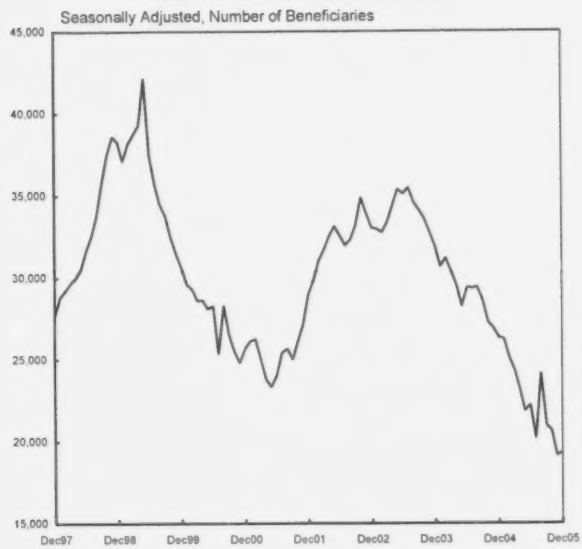

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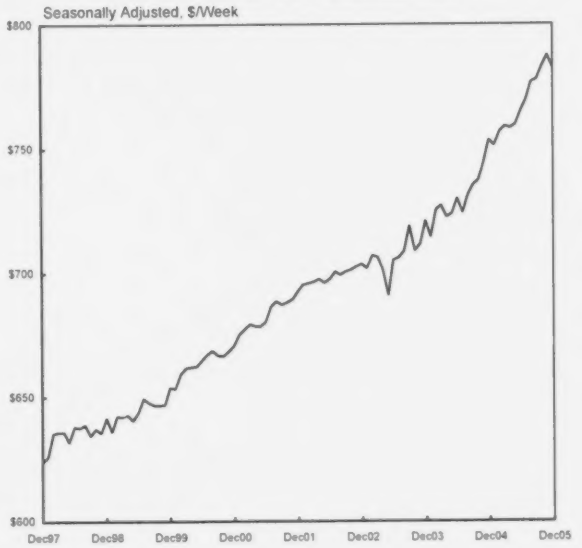

RETAIL TRADE ($000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total All Stores, seasonally adjusted	43,372	48,661	12.2	3,752	4,204	12.0	3,714	4,240	14.2
Motor & Recreational Vehicles	11,714	13,674	16.7	963	1,128	17.1	921	1,062	15.4
Gasoline Service Stations	4,092	4,972	21.5	356	434	21.8	355	430	21.1
Furniture, Furnishings, Electronics	3,439	4,077	18.6	325	383	17.9	470	562	19.7
Building and Outdoor Home Supplies	2,604	2,921	12.2	225	251	11.4	192	212	10.4
Food and Beverage	9,726	10,300	5.9	781	840	7.5	945	1,061	12.2
Pharmacies and Personal Care	2,027	2,065	1.9	176	173	-1.5	223	225	0.7
Clothing and Accessories	2,332	2,614	12.1	206	247	20.0	341	407	19.5
General Merchandise	5,020	5,396	7.5	469	517	10.1	653	715	9.5
Miscellaneous Retailers	2,419	2,596	7.3	197	221	12.0	296	331	12.0

Note: The Total All Stores series is seasonally adjusted; the sales by store type series are not seasonally adjusted.

RESTAURANT, CATERER AND TAVERN RECEIPTS ($000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total	4,143	4,502	8.6	343	381	10.9	349	409	17.1

WHOLESALE TRADE ($000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total All Merchants, seasonally adj.	47,221	54,657	15.7	4,131	4,752	15.0	4,248	4,818	13.4

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES	JANUARY - DECEMBER			DECEMBER			JANUARY		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total Number Sold, seasonally adj.	196,154	222,884	13.6	17,032	19,223	12.9	16,398	19,962	21.7
Total Number Sold, unadjusted	196,153	222,361	13.4	17,005	18,795	10.5	11,651	14,524	24.7
Passenger Vehicles	72,877	80,742	10.8	5,939	6,304	6.1	4,223	5,315	25.9
Commercial Vehicles	123,276	141,619	14.9	11,066	12,491	12.9	7,428	9,209	24.0

Note: Commercial vehicles include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans, coaches and buses. Passenger vehicles also include taxis and rental cars.

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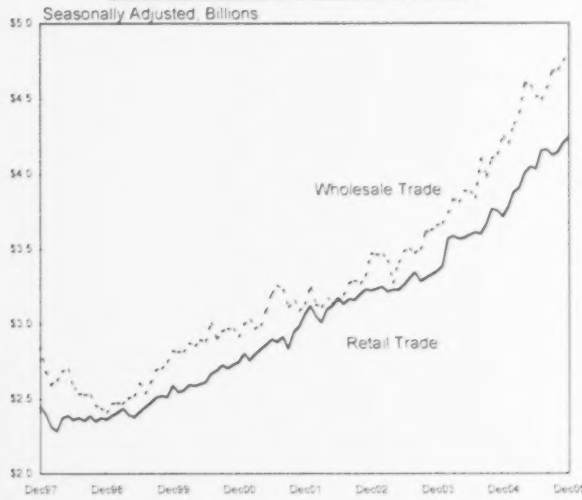

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

ENERGY PRODUCTION AND DELIVERIES	JANUARY - NOVEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Natural Gas									
Production (million m^3)	152,312	152,679	0.2	13,846	13,840	0.0	13,850	14,093	1.8
Deliveries (million m^3)	109,447	111,621	2.0	9,578	10,600	10.7	10,083	10,727	6.4
Crude Oil and Equivalents*									
Production ('000 m^3)	92,788	89,935	-3.1	8,393	9,233	10.0	8,418	9,146	8.6
Deliveries ('000 m^3)	93,515	89,671	-4.1	8,618	8,390	-2.7	8,418	8,634	2.6

*Includes Conventional Light/Medium and Heavy, Bitumen, Synthetic, Condensate and Pentanes Plus.

RIG ACTIVITY	JANUARY - FEBRUARY AVERAGE			JANUARY			FEBRUAY		
	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Rig Counts									
Drilling	474	513	8.3	466	495	6.3	482	531	10.2
Available	517	569	10.1	519	572	10.3	515	565	9.8

ENERGY PRICES	ANNUAL AVERAGES		2004	2005		2005	2006		Annual
	2004	2005	DEC	JAN	FEB	DEC	JAN	FEB	% Change
West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil Price (US$/Barrel)	41.40	56.56	43.26	46.85	48.05	59.45	65.54	61.92	28.9
Natural Gas Reference Price (C$/GJ)	5.98	7.87	6.70	6.02	5.94	10.54	n/a	n/a	57.3

Note: Annual % Change is a comparison of the latest month for which data are available with the same month of the previous year.

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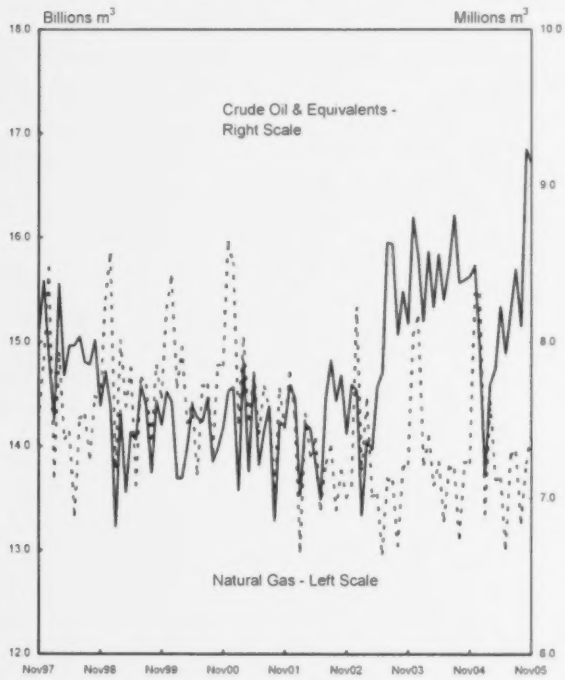

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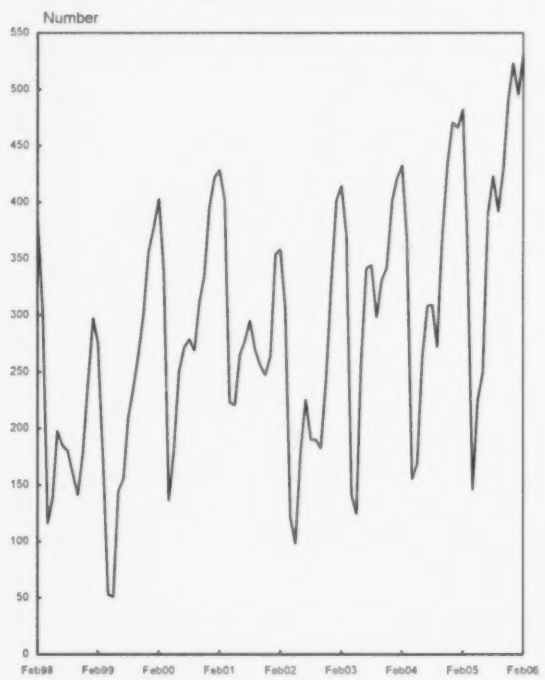

MANUFACTURING (Value of shipments of goods of own manufacture $000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total, seasonally adjusted	52,965.8	59,353.0	12.1	4,843.4	5,231.4	8.0	4,695.5	5,380.5	14.6
Total, unadjusted	52,965.8	59,277.7	11.9	4,915.0	5,343.7	8.7	4,531.2	5,226.4	15.3
Food	9,087.3	8,672.7	-4.6	752.2	700.3	-6.9	713.4	708.6	-0.7
Beverage	877.2	944.1	7.6	69.5	73.6	5.8	70.5	80.6	14.2
Plastics & Rubber Products	905.0	1,120.5	23.8	77.1	114.4	48.3	71.0	93.6	31.8
Primary Metal	2,137.0	2,519.3	17.9	207.2	250.0	20.7	232.3	243.8	4.9
Metal Fabricating	4,134.6	4,565.9	10.4	583.2	431.7	-26.0	336.1	402.6	19.8
Printing & Publishing	657.2	709.6	8.0	62.9	65.5	4.2	52.3	59.7	14.3
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	1,694.9	2,059.8	21.5	168.5	199.8	18.6	118.5	146.6	23.7
Petroleum & Coal Products	10,017.9	12,758.7	27.4	979.7	1,157.5	18.1	876.0	1,083.4	23.7
Chemicals & Chemical Products	9,645.3	10,539.5	9.3	866.2	1,014.8	17.2	851.4	1,022.1	20.1
Wood	3,752.6	3,534.5	-5.8	288.9	285.2	-1.3	260.4	256.8	-1.4
Furniture and Fixtures	828.1	884.8	6.8	69.4	76.0	9.5	59.7	69.2	16.0
Paper & Allied	1,783.8	1,811.2	1.5	141.0	139.5	-1.0	154.7	166.8	7.8
Computers & Electronics	1,471.0	1,714.9	16.6	95.7	142.3	48.6	190.5	189.2	-0.7
Transportation Equipment	745.9	850.6	14.0	65.7	72.5	10.3	64.5	73.5	14.0
Machinery	4,062.2	5,320.1	31.0	392.6	519.0	32.2	394.9	527.4	33.6
Other Manufacturing*	1,165.9	1,271.7	9.1	95.2	101.8	6.9	85.2	102.7	20.5

*Other Manufacturing is derived residually, by deducting the sum of the above industries from the total for all manufacturing

AGRICULTURE Farm Cash Receipts ($000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER			JULY - SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER - DECEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total From Operations	8,016.3	7,880.0	-1.7	1,846.5	1,777.2	-3.8	2,077.4	2,000.9	-3.7
Crops	2,604.2	2,319.0	-11.0	576.8	430.5	-25.4	715.0	668.2	-6.6
Wheat, other than Durum	808.0	655.1	-18.9	139.5	98.7	-29.2	248.9	211.7	-15.0
Durum Wheat	150.9	131.9	-12.6	33.1	28.5	-13.9	48.4	37.4	-22.7
Barley	199.3	116.7	-41.5	35.8	21.5	-40.1	45.9	37.5	-18.4
Canola	771.4	740.5	-4.0	214.4	154.4	-28.0	239.8	259.5	8.2
Livestock	3,978.8	4,444.2	11.7	982.7	1,202.2	22.3	1,029.3	1,142.7	11.0
Cattle and Calves	2,559.8	3,055.0	19.3	599.3	839.2	40.0	666.2	804.8	20.8
Hogs	613.0	551.5	-10.0	161.8	134.5	-16.9	149.8	126.0	-15.9
Dairy Products	383.0	398.7	4.1	95.3	94.3	-1.1	98.4	102.8	4.5
Poultry	208.2	209.3	0.5	54.7	55.6	1.5	55.5	50.5	-9.0

Note: Wheat, Durum Wheat and Barley receipts include Canadian Wheat Board payments

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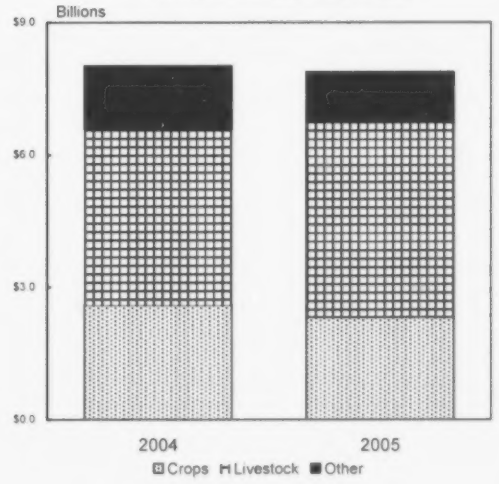

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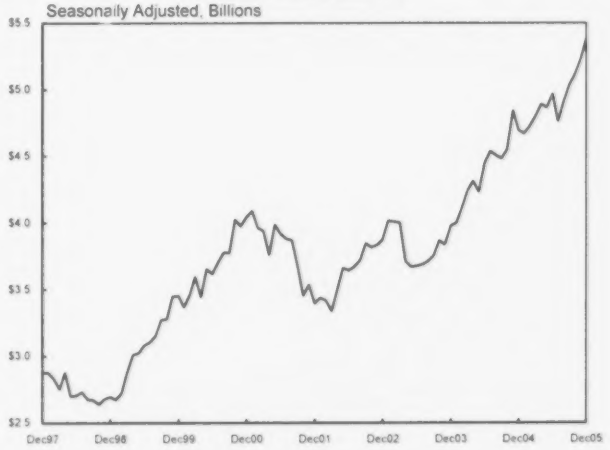

EXPORTS By Commodity Groups ($000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	DECEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	JANUARY 2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total - all commodities	66,838.2	79,206.8	18.5	6,173.6	8,213.2	33.0	6,102.4	8,305.5	36.1
Agricultural Products	4,733.3	4,635.8	-2.1	357.1	410.1	14.8	320.7	395.4	23.3
Energy Products	45,961.9	57,160.5	24.4	4,430.0	6,371.6	43.8	4,452.6	6,495.7	45.9
Forestry Products	3,273.5	2,898.1	-11.5	228.3	232.2	1.7	212.3	246.4	16.1
Industrial Goods	7,806.5	9,332.6	19.5	669.8	761.6	13.7	746.3	744.9	-0.2
Machinery and Equipment	3,865.4	3,865.4	0.0	374.8	321.8	-14.1	272.2	304.7	11.9
Automotive Products	400.8	483.5	20.6	33.8	38.1	12.7	32.7	37.3	14.1
Consumer Goods	175.1	190.0	8.5	17.3	17.6	1.7	13.8	14.3	3.6
Special Transactions	621.6	641.0	3.1	62.5	60.1	-3.8	51.7	66.8	29.2

NOTE: Estimates in the "Commodities" table come from published sources; previous month estimates are not current and may not match estimates in the "Countries" table.

EXPORTS Top 10 Countries ($000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	DECEMBER 2004	2005	Per cent Change	JANUARY 2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total - all countries	66,838.2	79,210.3	18.5	6,173.6	8,215.0	33.1	6,102.4	8,305.5	36.1
United States	59,060.4	71,459.6	21.0	5,487.0	7,609.8	38.7	5,451.6	7,736.6	41.9
China	1,821.3	1,913.5	5.1	156.0	116.4	-25.4	214.9	77.5	-63.9
Japan	1,303.6	1,245.1	-4.5	95.4	90.6	-5.0	93.2	95.7	2.7
Korea, South	430.2	535.0	24.4	55.2	39.9	-27.9	51.4	26.7	-48.1
Mexico	698.2	495.3	-29.1	68.3	50.8	-25.7	33.0	39.1	18.4
Belgium	206.2	213.6	3.6	21.5	21.7	1.0	14.3	10.5	-26.8
United Kingdom	214.9	208.4	-3.0	17.7	14.2	-19.9	23.2	17.0	-26.7
Netherlands	213.1	207.6	-2.6	12.5	20.8	66.2	17.0	17.4	2.6
Italy	150.3	166.8	11.0	14.8	11.6	-21.6	8.6	12.5	45.3
Taiwan	186.7	161.2	-13.7	19.2	13.2	-31.3	8.8	13.7	55.7
All Other Countries	2,553.4	2,604.2	2.0	226.1	226.0	0.0	186.4	258.7	38.8

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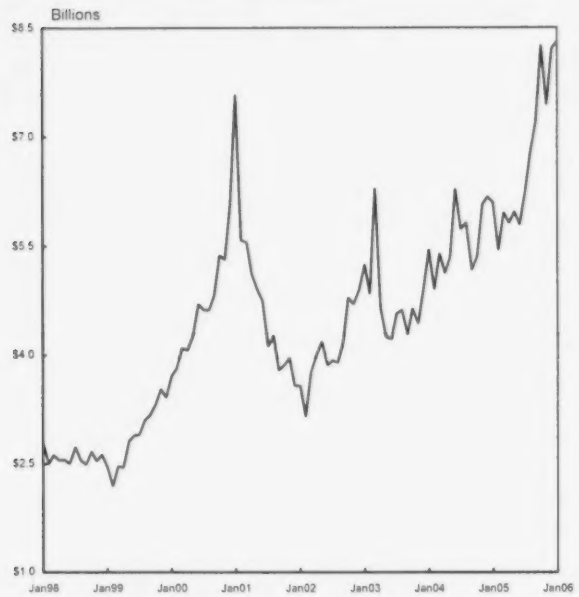

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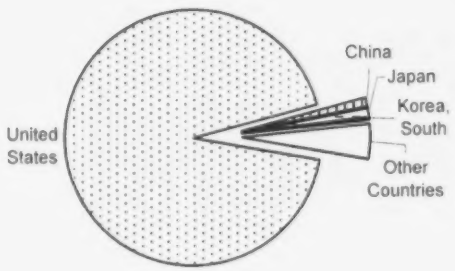

International & Interprovincial MIGRATION	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER			APRIL - JUNE			JULY - SEPTEMBER		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
Alberta									
International									
Immigration	13,200	15,152	14.8	4,606	5,201	12.9	4,521	5,594	23.7
Emigration	3,182	3,204	0.7	784	788	0.5	1,761	1,776	0.9
Temporarily abroad	2,260	2,257	-0.1	654	652	-0.3	1,006	1,006	0.0
Returning Canadians	1,685	1,685	0.0	523	523	0.0	788	788	0.0
Net international migration	9,443	11,376	20.5	3,691	4,284	16.1	2,542	3,600	41.6
Interprovincial									
In-migration	50,063	68,979	37.8	17,684	22,711	28.4	18,510	29,882	61.4
Out-migration	42,519	44,331	4.3	14,966	16,116	7.7	16,882	16,772	-0.7
Net Interprovincial migration	7,544	24,648	226.7	2,718	6,595	142.6	1,628	13,110	705.3

The third quarter 2005 Interprovincial migration figure to Alberta is seen as a anomaly. This issue has been discussed with Statistics Canada and can be traced to administrative files used in the calculation of Interprovincial migration estimates. Users a

BANKRUPTCIES	JANUARY - DECEMBER			DECEMBER			JANUARY		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Business									
Number	1,565	1,195	-23.6	135	79	-41.5	119	93	-21.8
Value ($'000)	359,155	291,100	-18.9	27,291	26,055	-4.5	19,635	17,865	-9.0
Consumer (number)	8,719	7,544	-13.5	594	414	-30.3	610	508	-16.7

BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS	JANUARY - DECEMBER			DECEMBER			JANUARY		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2005	2006	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Number of Business Incorporations	34,317	40,325	17.5	3,020	3,801	25.9	3,104	4,018	29.4
Alberta Corporations	32,276	38,038	17.9	2,877	3,614	25.6	2,932	3,794	29.4
Non-Alberta Corporations	2,041	2,287	12.1	143	187	30.8	172	224	30.2

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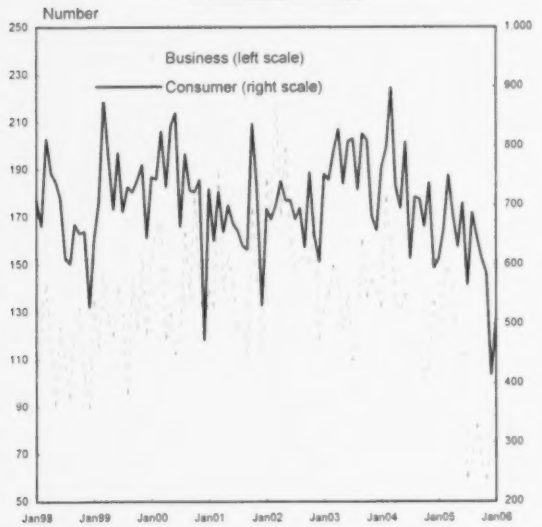

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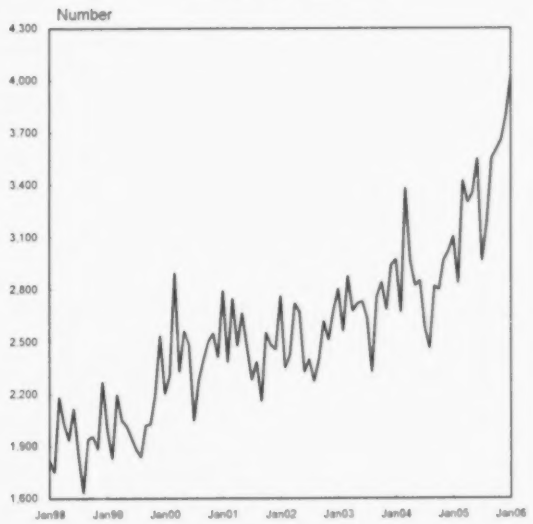

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)	ANNUAL RATES			2005	2005			2006	% Change
	2003	2004	2005	JAN	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	JAN'05 - JAN'06
Alberta									
All Items	129.7	131.5	134.3	131.7	136.2	136.1	135.4	137.1	4.1
Food	122.1	123.9	126.1	124.8	127.2	126.8	128.2	128.0	2.6
Shelter	132.2	134.4	138.8	135.2	143.3	144.2	141.5	147.7	9.2
Energy	172.4	179.1	197.0	175.6	218.6	206.8	189.8	214.6	22.2
All Items, excl. Food and Energy	127.2	128.6	130.4	129.1	130.9	131.7	131.9	132.2	2.4
Edmonton	128.4	129.7	132.4	130.1	134.3	134.2	133.3	134.8	3.6
Calgary	130.2	132.5	135.1	132.5	137.0	136.9	136.5	138.3	4.4

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2000=100)	ANNUAL RATES			2004		2005			Annual
Selected Countries	2002	2003	2004	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	% Change
Canada	104.9	107.8	109.7	110.7	110.5	113.2	112.9	112.8	2.1
United States	104.4	106.8	109.7	110.9	110.5	115.7	114.8	114.3	3.4
Germany	103.4	104.5	106.2	106.2	107.3	109.1	108.6	109.6	2.1
United Kingdom	103.5	106.5	109.7	111.0	111.5	113.5	113.7	114.0	2.2
France	103.6	105.8	108.0	108.7	108.9	110.7	110.5	110.6	1.6
Japan	98.3	98.1	98.1	98.6	98.1	98.1	97.8	n/a	-0.8

EXCHANGE RATES (in $Cdn)	ANNUAL RATES			2005	2005		2006		% Change
	2003	2004	2005	FEB	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	FEB'05 - FEB'06
United States	1.4010	1.3013	1.2114	1.2397	1.1811	1.1610	1.1579	1.1489	7.9
Japan	0.0121	0.0120	0.0110	0.0118	0.0100	0.0098	0.0100	0.0097	21.2
European Monetary Union (EURO)	1.5823	1.6169	1.5085	1.6133	1.3922	1.3771	1.4032	1.3716	17.6
United Kingdom	2.2877	2.3837	2.2057	2.3397	2.0482	2.0277	2.0464	2.0079	16.5

INTEREST RATES (Prime Rates)	ANNUAL RATES			2005	2005		2006		% Change
	2003	2004	2005	FEB	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	FEB'05 - FEB'06
Canada	4.70	4.00	4.42	4.25	4.75	5.00	5.25	5.25	1.00
United States	4.10	4.40	6.23	5.50	7.00	7.25	7.25	7.50	2.00

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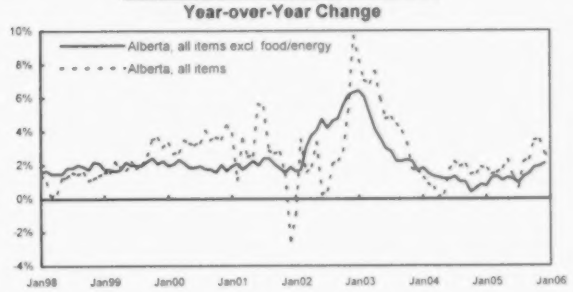

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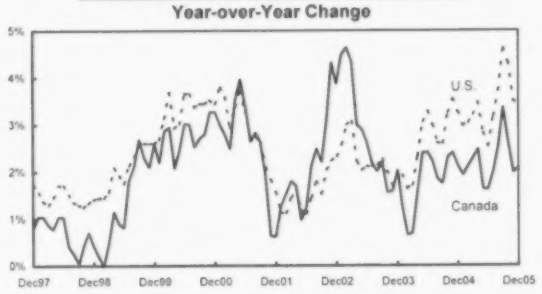

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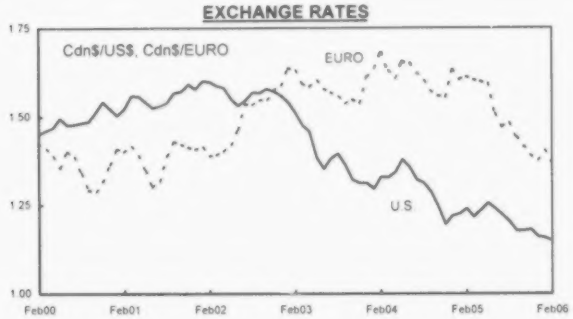

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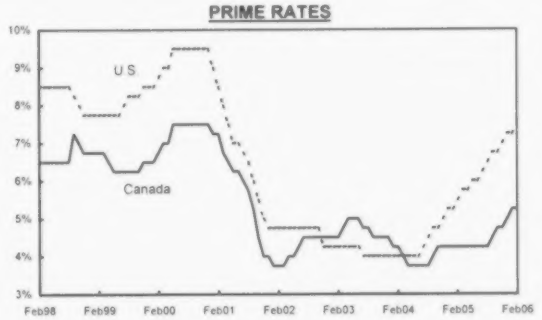

INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
POPULATION ('000s)											
OCTOBER 1, 2004	517	138	939	752	7,566	12,454	1,173	995	3,216	4,216	32,070
OCTOBER 1, 2005	516	138	938	752	7,617	12,590	1,178	993	3,281	4,271	32,378
Percent Change	-0.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.7	1.1	0.4	-0.2	2.0	1.3	1.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE* (%)											
FEBRUARY 2005	15.4	10.3	9.8	9.3	8.2	6.8	4.9	4.9	4.0	7.0	7.0
FEBRUARY 2006	15.1	10.9	8.4	9.4	8.2	6.2	4.4	5.3	3.1	4.8	6.4
EMPLOYED* ('000s)											
FEBRUARY 2005	214	69	443	351	3,704	6,344	583	488	1,773	2,103	16,071
FEBRUARY 2006	215	69	442	359	3,749	6,432	586	482	1,835	2,176	16,346
Percent Change	0.8	0.3	-0.2	2.3	1.2	1.4	0.6	-1.1	3.5	3.5	1.7
EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE* (Number of Beneficiaries)											
DECEMBER 2004	37,400	7,940	29,960	34,230	174,630	130,600	12,130	11,260	26,330	55,510	520,400
DECEMBER 2005	37,630	7,610	28,010	31,640	173,440	127,710	11,370	9,770	19,310	45,680	492,570
Percent Change	0.6	-4.2	-6.5	-7.6	-0.7	-2.2	-6.3	-13.2	-26.7	-17.7	-5.3

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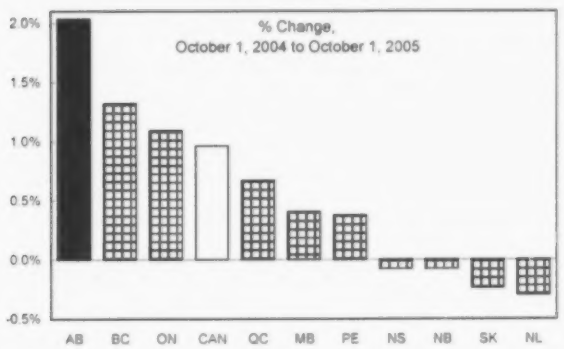

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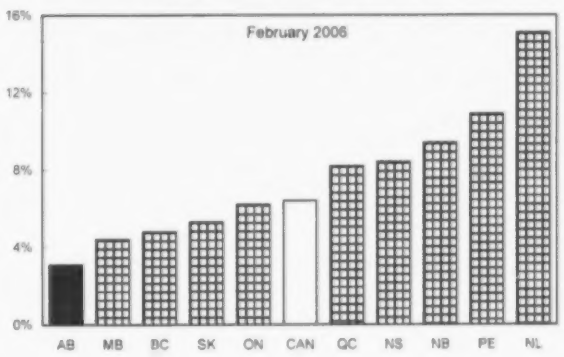

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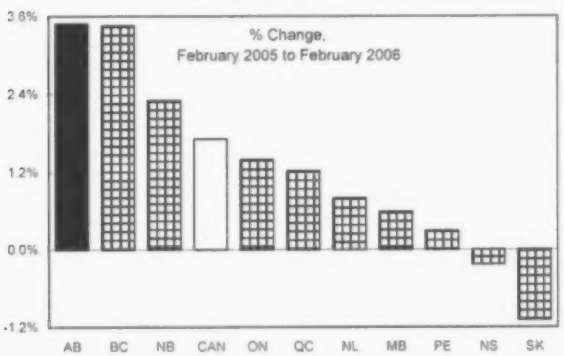

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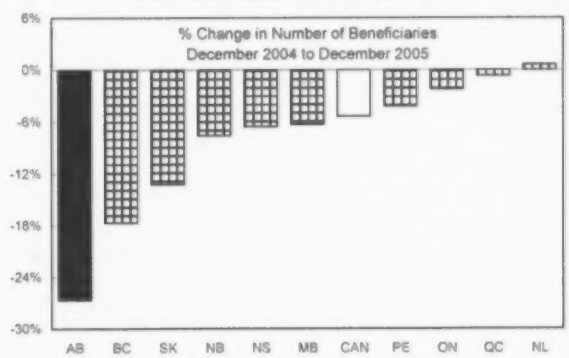

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)											
JANUARY 2005	123.9	125.3	127.0	125.2	121.6	126.2	129.2	130.6	131.7	123.6	125.3
JANUARY 2006	127.1	129.8	130.9	129.1	124.9	130.0	132.1	133.5	137.1	125.6	128.8
Percent Change	2.6	3.6	3.1	3.1	2.7	3.0	2.2	2.2	4.1	1.6	2.8
RETAIL TRADE* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	5,755	1,385	10,297	7,963	78,518	129,086	11,692	10,259	43,372	47,217	346,721
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005	5,887	1,425	10,608	8,403	83,250	135,404	12,469	11,061	48,661	49,996	368,436
Percent Change	2.3	2.9	3.0	5.5	6.0	4.9	6.6	7.8	12.2	5.9	6.3
WHOLESALE TRADE* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	2,504	592	6,267	5,238	85,761	231,961	10,905	11,935	47,221	43,521	446,210
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005	2,585	530	6,243	4,885	90,822	237,852	12,717	13,645	54,657	47,363	471,626
Percent Change	3.2	-10.4	-0.4	-6.7	5.9	2.5	16.6	14.3	15.7	8.8	5.7
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES* (Number)											
JANUARY 2005	1,887	389	3,652	2,560	34,110	48,507	3,502	2,570	16,398	13,706	127,281
JANUARY 2006	2,236	394	4,730	2,843	32,985	52,179	3,886	3,005	19,962	15,395	137,614
Percent Change	18.5	1.3	29.5	11.1	-3.3	7.6	11.0	16.9	21.7	12.3	8.1

Note: New Motor Vehicle Sales for British Columbia include automobile sales for the Canadian Territories.

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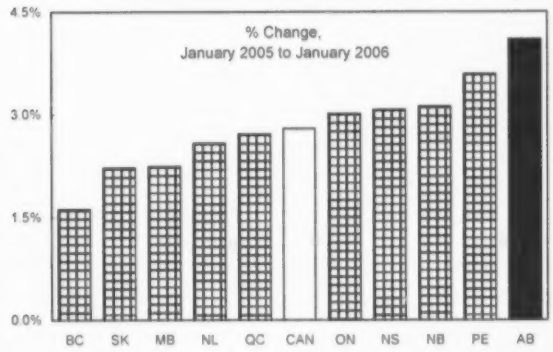

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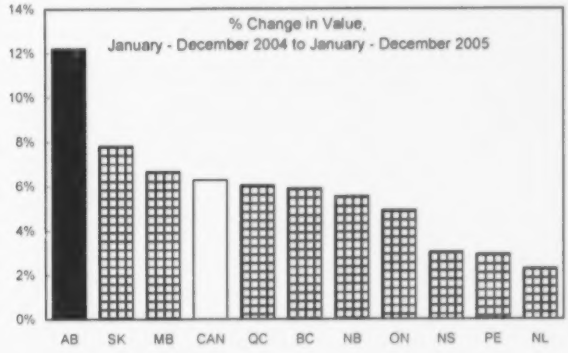

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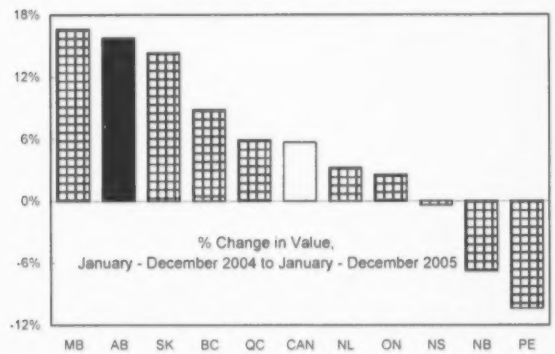

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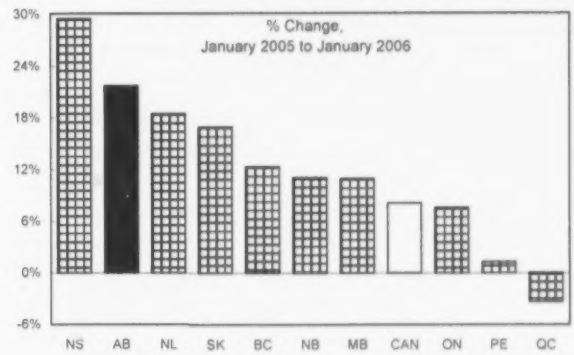

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
BUILDING PERMITS* ($000,000)											
JANUARY 2005	37	11	59	43	828	1,851	71	66	712	671	4,351
JANUARY 2006	39	14	94	96	885	2,050	114	86	917	766	5,062
Percent Change	4.2	22.9	58.5	124.1	6.9	10.7	61.5	30.8	28.7	14.1	16.3
URBAN HOUSING STARTS (Number)											
JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2005	145	70	214	84	4,590	7,132	244	228	4,069	3,834	20,610
JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2006	143	112	369	217	4,359	8,186	290	285	5,177	5,115	24,253
Percent Change	-1.4	60.0	72.4	158.3	-5.0	14.8	18.9	25.0	27.2	33.4	17.7
MANUFACTURING* (value of shipments of goods of own manufacture, $000,000)											
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	3,069	1,414	9,281	14,072	137,786	310,294	12,528	9,611	52,966	42,344	593,452
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005	3,037	1,486	9,826	15,088	144,291	313,535	13,024	10,412	59,353	43,044	613,196
Percent Change	-1.0	5.1	5.9	7.2	4.7	1.0	4.0	8.3	12.1	1.7	3.3
AGRICULTURE (Farm Cash Receipts from farming operations $000,000)											
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	86	346	451	420	6,323	8,570	3,893	6,010	8,016	2,407	36,521
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005	92	364	455	425	6,217	9,010	3,736	6,227	7,880	2,531	36,937
Percent Change	7.3	5.2	0.8	1.2	-1.7	5.1	-4.0	3.6	-1.7	5.1	1.1

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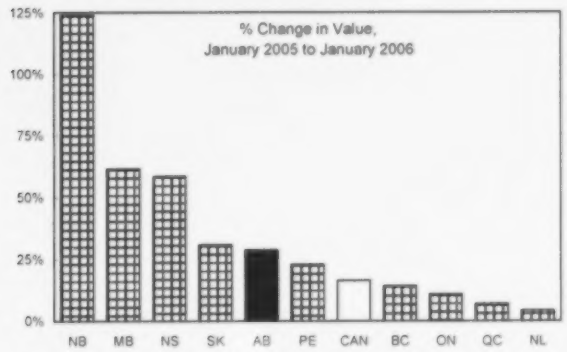

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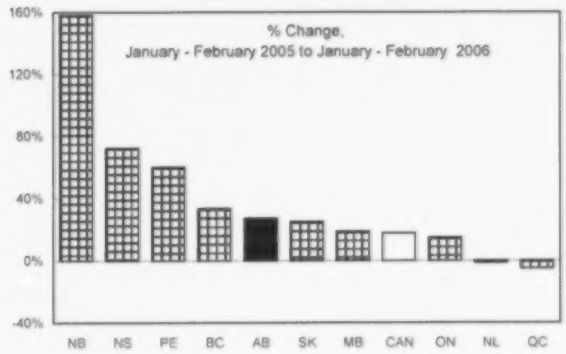

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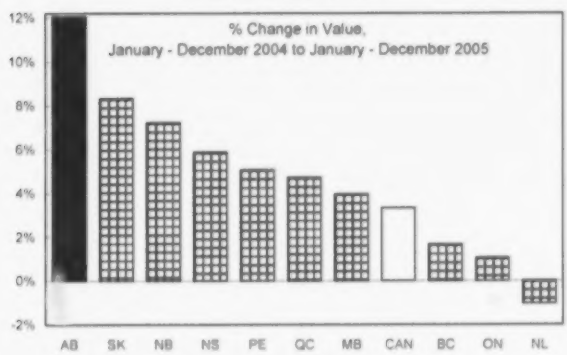

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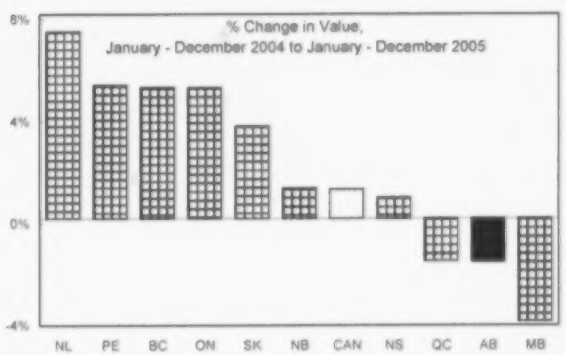

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
EXPORTS ($000,000)											
JANUARY 2005	248	46	398	721	5,753	13,535	701	941	6,102	2,390	30,970
JANUARY 2006	279	62	508	845	6,041	14,566	854	1,214	8,306	2,866	35,548
Percent Change	12.3	33.7	27.8	17.2	5.0	7.6	21.8	28.9	36.1	19.9	14.8
WAGES AND SALARIES* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004	6,408	1,808	13,349	10,442	119,235	238,468	17,521	13,978	70,738	68,265	563,149
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2005	6,703	1,888	14,076	10,812	123,917	250,263	18,299	14,817	77,378	72,448	593,769
Percent Change	4.6	4.4	5.4	3.5	3.9	4.9	4.4	6.0	9.4	6.1	5.4
CONSUMER BANKRUPTCIES (Number)											
JANUARY 2005	188	18	256	175	1,891	2,077	148	159	610	665	6,194
JANUARY 2006	216	34	276	171	2,004	2,074	197	163	508	581	6,234
Percent Change	16.0	88.9	7.8	-2.3	6.0	-0.1	33.1	2.5	-16.7	-12.6	0.6
BUSINESS BANKRUPTCIES (Number)											
JANUARY 2005	6	3	13	19	162	185	11	27	119	52	598
JANUARY 2006	4	6	26	14	151	226	15	28	93	61	624
Percent Change	-33.3	100.0	100.0	-26.3	-6.8	22.2	36.4	3.7	-21.8	17.3	4.3

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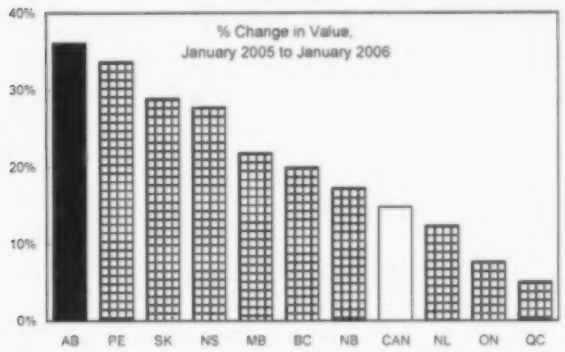

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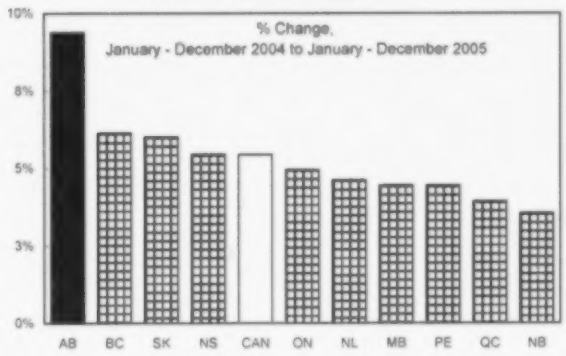

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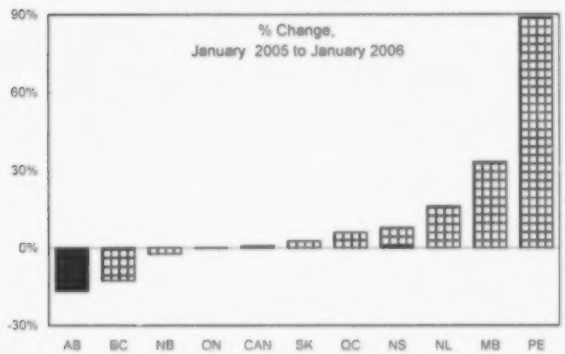

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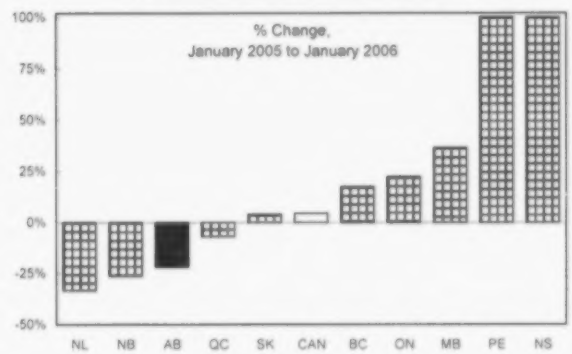

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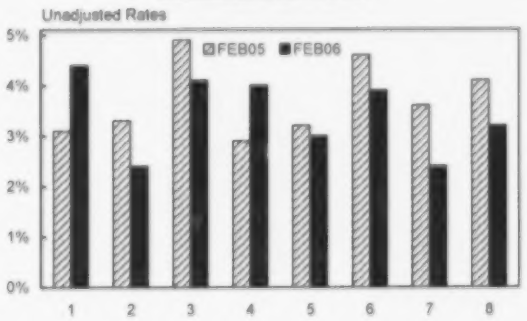
REGIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

LABOUR FORCE, ALBERTA REGIONS (unadjusted, 3-month moving average)	FEB05	FEB06
Labour Force (000s)		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	60.8	64.2
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	123.0	131.2
3) Edmonton Region	595.8	581.5
4) Red Deer Region	94.0	97.3
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	50.0	49.6
6) Calgary Region	664.4	700.4
7) Camrose - Drumheller	102.2	103.4
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	140.5	139.1
Employed (000s)		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	58.9	61.4
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	118.9	128.0
3) Edmonton Region	566.8	557.8
4) Red Deer Region	91.3	93.4
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	48.3	48.1
6) Calgary Region	633.7	673.0
7) Camrose - Drumheller	98.6	100.9
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	134.8	134.7
Unemployment Rate		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	3.1%	4.4%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	3.3%	2.4%
3) Edmonton Region	4.9%	4.1%
4) Red Deer Region	2.9%	4.0%
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	3.2%	3.0%
6) Calgary Region	4.6%	3.9%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	3.6%	2.4%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	4.1%	3.2%
Participation Rate		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	74.2%	75.4%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	72.1%	75.2%
3) Edmonton Region	71.3%	68.0%
4) Red Deer Region	72.8%	73.0%
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	77.8%	76.1%
6) Calgary Region	73.2%	74.8%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	69.8%	69.4%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	72.6%	70.5%

Population (July/2005)	
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	118,174
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	238,435
3) Edmonton Region	1,058,655
4) Red Deer Region	170,392
5) Banff - Jasper	83,793
6) Calgary Region	1,141,996
7) Camrose - Drumheller	190,410
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	254,961
5-year Population Growth (2000-2005)	
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	12.6%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	5.5%
3) Edmonton Region	7.2%
4) Red Deer Region	10.6%
5) Banff - Jasper	1.9%
6) Calgary Region	11.7%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	2.7%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	5.1%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ALBERTA REGIONS



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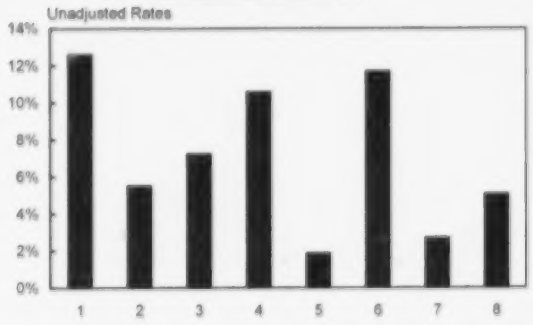


REGIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The Inventory of Major Alberta Projects tracks projects valued at $2 million or greater that are planned, underway, or have been recently completed. Project data is obtained from public and private sources.

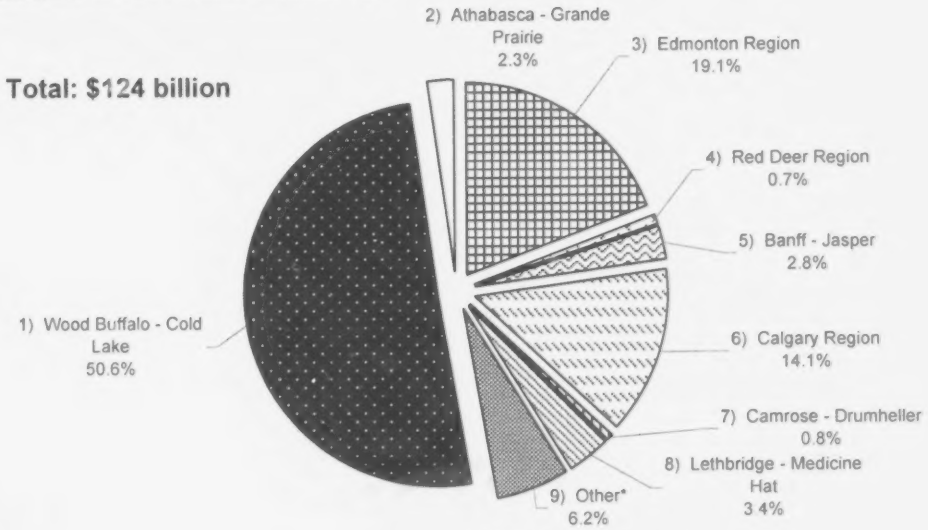
Major Construction Projects	FEBRUARY 2006
	Investment ($ 000,000)
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	62,831.0
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	2,896.2
3) Edmonton Region	23,740.2
4) Red Deer Region	839.9
5) Banff - Jasper	3,516.8
6) Calgary Region	17,538.9
7) Camrose - Drumheller	966.8
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	4,244.7
9) Other*	7,680.0
Total	124,254.5

**Projects that cannot be allocated to just one region, e.g. pipelines, highways, etc.*

BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000)	JANUARY - DECEMBER			DECEMBER			JANUARY		
	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change	2004	2005	Per cent Change
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	332.1	766.0	130.7	17.1	14.7	-13.9	37.9	17.2	-54.6
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	533.1	631.6	18.5	59.9	63.5	6.1	16.5	33.7	104.6
3) Edmonton Region	2,078.8	2,971.0	42.9	127.1	264.1	107.8	176.1	217.6	23.6
4) Red Deer Region	406.7	534.7	31.5	22.4	40.3	80.4	16.5	29.5	78.9
5) Banff - Jasper	222.1	259.5	16.8	14.5	24.2	67.0	9.1	15.4	68.9
6) Calgary Region	3,117.3	4,271.8	37.0	235.3	401.6	70.7	177.5	282.7	59.2
7) Camrose - Drumheller	251.8	340.4	35.2	14.8	16.0	7.9	32.4	36.3	11.9
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	385.1	411.9	6.9	20.9	25.3	21.4	25.1	25.4	1.1
Total	7,327.1	10,187.0	39.0	511.9	849.8	66.0	491.2	657.8	33.9

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Total: $124 billion


2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie 2.3%
3) Edmonton Region 19.1%
4) Red Deer Region 0.7%
5) Banff - Jasper 2.8%
6) Calgary Region 14.1%
7) Camrose - Drumheller 0.8%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat 3.4%
9) Other* 6.2%
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake 50.6%

Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series - Alberta

	Unemployment Rate* (%)	Employed* (000's)	Building Permits ($000,000)			Dwelling Starts (#, urban)	MLS Housing Resales (#)	Employment Insurance Beneficiaries*	Wages and Salaries* ($000,000)
			Alberta	Calgary	Edmonton				
1997	5.9	1,451	4,446	1,828	879	18,938	43,693	30,358	43,823
1998	5.6	1,510	5,552	2,486	1,167	21,725	43,383	33,005	47,650
1999	5.7	1,544	4,802	1,917	1,124	20,216	42,684	35,962	49,264
2000	5.0	1,584	5,296	2,287	1,249	21,506	43,311	27,391	54,624
2001	4.6	1,631	5,912	2,309	1,462	24,457	48,989	25,559	61,355
2002	5.3	1,671	6,847	2,714	1,797	32,729	51,042	32,489	63,400
Jan03	5.3	1,697	473	248	133	1,833	3,165	32,950	5,431
Feb03	4.9	1,702	408	214	94	2,636	3,612	32,740	5,431
Mar03	5.4	1,693	481	203	138	2,338	4,318	33,360	5,449
Apr03	5.6	1,698	572	238	140	2,908	4,990	34,380	5,433
May03	5.6	1,709	647	249	178	2,739	5,129	35,350	5,436
Jun03	5.3	1,713	839	406	177	2,921	5,086	35,090	5,468
Jul03	4.9	1,718	611	185	200	3,103	5,249	35,460	5,528
Aug03	5.1	1,721	560	261	131	3,050	4,561	34,570	5,548
Sep03	4.8	1,728	564	197	147	2,962	4,536	34,080	5,605
Oct03	4.7	1,737	612	239	161	2,682	4,402	33,580	5,611
Nov03	4.7	1,738	455	201	132	2,605	3,402	32,780	5,640
Dec03	4.8	1,747	446	180	136	2,288	2,884	31,910	5,687
Average/Sum	5.1	1,717	6,667	2,819	1,767	32,066	51,334	33,854	66,266
Jan04	4.7	1,741	347	126	135	1,985	2,980	30,660	5,718
Feb04	5.1	1,745	382	189	91	2,481	3,972	31,160	5,753
Mar04	5.0	1,750	664	294	171	2,124	5,942	30,410	5,791
Apr04	4.4	1,760	712	334	179	2,425	5,814	29,580	5,818
May04	4.3	1,758	720	243	207	2,268	5,993	28,240	5,835
Jun04	4.6	1,758	681	231	213	3,516	5,784	29,360	5,877
Jul04	4.6	1,752	702	300	194	2,596	5,283	29,340	5,892
Aug04	4.4	1,764	617	232	157	2,797	5,200	29,410	5,926
Sep04	4.6	1,772	581	212	141	2,895	4,721	28,600	5,964
Oct04	4.7	1,762	687	234	189	3,222	4,457	27,280	5,982
Nov04	4.6	1,766	722	242	225	3,202	4,148	26,910	6,061
Dec04	4.3	1,766	512	218	126	2,677	3,166	26,330	6,120
Average/Sum	4.6	1,758	7,327	2,857	2,028	32,188	57,460	28,940	70,738
Jan05	4.3	1,772	**491**	**158**	**174**	1,854	3,187	26,230	**6,132**
Feb05	4.0	1,773	**547**	**236**	**142**	2,215	4,373	25,080	**6,184**
Mar05	3.6	1,777	**991**	**527**	**210**	2,480	6,005	24,320	**6,257**
Apr05	4.1	1,779	**998**	**370**	**255**	3,269	6,479	23,150	**6,283**
May05	3.6	1,783	**940**	**350**	**230**	3,681	6,816	21,840	**6,337**
Jun05	3.9	1,779	**892**	**330**	**286**	2,655	6,976	22,200	**6,375**
Jul05	3.6	1,788	**881**	**327**	**294**	2,810	5,816	20,170	**6,446**
Aug05	3.9	1,787	**907**	**316**	**269**	2,927	6,338	24,110	**6,501**
Sep05	4.1	1,784	**784**	**268**	**212**	3,698	5,725	20,940	**6,576**
Oct05	4.0	1,794	**986**	**292**	**346**	3,096	5,221	**20,630**	**6,666**
Nov05	4.2	1,797	**920**	**368**	**236**	2,952	5,296	**19,120**	**6,777**
Dec05	4.2	1,800	**850**	**378**	**258**	2,663	3,634	**19,310**	**6,844**
Average/Sum	3.9	1,784	**10,187**	**3,921**	**2,912**	34,301	65,866	**22,258**	**77,378**
Jan06	3.5	1,810	**658**	**254**	**213**	2,255	**4,686**		
Feb06	**3.1**	**1,835**				**2,921**			
Mar06									
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	Average Weekly Earnings* ($)	International Travellers (#, direct entries)**	Retail Trade* ($000,000)	Rest., Caterer & Tavern Rec. ($000,000)	Wholesale Trade* ($000,000)	New Motor Vehicle Sales* (#)	Energy Production	
							Oil/Equiv. (Tsds m^3)	Gas (Mlns m^3)
1996	597.16	777,708	23,816	2,634	25,394	133,765	90,353	167,236
1997	618.56	787,755	27,134	3,000	31,464	167,673	93,976	168,094
1998	635.70	848,465	28,295	2,901	30,754	163,397	94,676	172,644
1999	644.83	874,620	29,454	3,017	31,135	160,838	89,066	175,279
2000	664.27	880,729	31,738	3,328	34,847	175,545	89,136	176,146
2001	683.43	845,325	34,560	3,688	37,258	187,862	89,365	174,094
2002	698.81	826,384	37,663	3,806	38,758	204,805	89,885	165,102
Jan03	701.84	40,855	3,233	293	3,462	16,674	7,687	15,329
Feb03	706.89	44,729	3,246	290	3,461	16,765	6,891	13,779
Mar03	706.31	52,588	3,214	322	3,422	16,117	7,369	14,444
Apr03	701.19	42,506	3,226	322	3,274	15,080	7,310	13,523
May03	690.99	56,432	3,228	348	3,412	16,801	7,713	13,532
Jun03	705.08	103,404	3,260	326	3,480	15,913	7,800	12,968
Jul03	706.03	145,718	3,302	348	3,504	17,916	8,634	13,692
Aug03	708.63	115,427	3,343	338	3,470	16,791	8,626	13,660
Sep03	718.87	71,269	3,282	313	3,498	16,180	8,047	13,044
Oct03	708.84	45,335	3,305	341	3,611	16,076	8,323	13,793
Nov03	711.70	33,853	3,328	329	3,621	15,512	8,116	13,834
Dec03	720.84	54,191	3,351	335	3,653	14,624	8,797	15,073
Average/Sum	707.27	806,307	39,318	3,904	41,868	194,449	95,311	166,671
Jan04	714.60	37,117	3,385	314	3,672	15,150	8,547	15,234
Feb04	725.28	43,930	3,567	313	3,739	15,968	8,134	13,826
Mar04	727.15	51,994	3,584	347	3,831	16,340	8,575	14,091
Apr04	722.61	42,699	3,564	349	3,811	16,526	8,220	13,628
May04	723.77	64,476	3,574	361	3,887	16,136	8,558	13,847
Jun04	729.86	105,835	3,594	345	3,879	15,867	8,267	13,286
Jul04	724.24	172,370	3,609	373	3,839	16,169	8,487	13,807
Aug04	731.35	132,629	3,598	364	4,102	16,309	8,810	13,774
Sep04	735.37	96,435	3,663	334	3,982	16,336	8,378	13,125
Oct04	737.33	68,512	3,765	352	4,100	17,069	8,393	13,846
Nov04	744.16	42,492	3,752	343	4,131	17,252	8,418	13,850
Dec04	753.37	54,831	3,714	349	4,248	17,032	8,484	15,462
Average/Sum	730.76	913,320	43,372	4,143	47,221	196,154	101,272	167,774
Jan05	751.40	42,642	3,778	335	4,203	16,398	**7,941**	**15,452**
Feb05	756.66	56,946	3,877	338	4,329	18,138	**7,144**	**13,353**
Mar05	759.02	56,457	3,903	376	4,406	17,699	**7,728**	**14,424**
Apr05	758.27	35,705	4,006	381	4,609	18,986	**7,832**	**13,683**
May05	759.61	65,436	4,046	375	4,583	17,054	**8,226**	**13,687**
Jun05	765.10	116,196	4,032	382	4,518	19,117	**7,925**	**13,023**
Jul05	769.75	164,956	4,154	390	4,495	21,409	**8,196**	**13,920**
Aug05	776.80	122,614	4,159	383	4,569	19,377	**8,462**	**13,935**
Sep05	777.72	92,745	**4,122**	368	**4,681**	18,597	**8,101**	**13,269**
Oct05	783.04	54,304	**4,141**	383	**4,694**	**18,263**	**9,233**	**13,840**
Nov05	**787.47**	37,838	**4,204**	**381**	**4,752**	**18,623**	**9,146**	**14,093**
Dec05	**782.38**	**60,875**	**4,240**	**409**	**4,818**	**19,223**		
Average/Sum	**768.94**	**906,714**	**48,661**	**4,502**	**54,657**	**222,884**		
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	Rigs	Energy Prices		Manufacturing	International	Bankruptcies		Incorporations	
	Drilling	WTI Crude	Gas	Shipments*	Exports	Business	Consumer	Alberta	Non-Alberta
	(#)	(US$/barrel)	(C$/GJ)	($000,000)	($000,000)	(#)	(#)	(#)	(#)
1997	310	20.61	1.87	34,184	33,498	1,460	9,913	24,343	1,840
1998	218	14.43	1.84	32,840	31,027	1,349	8,108	21,484	1,881
1999	210	19.24	2.35	37,096	34,648	1,553	8,782	22,762	1,786
2000	296	30.20	4.27	44,430	55,382	1,709	8,847	27,001	1,970
2001	298	25.90	5.12	45,480	56,926	1,688	8,121	27,907	1,955
2002	231	26.09	3.68	43,761	48,742	1,998	8,234	28,141	2,001
Jan03	402	32.70	5.88	4,018	5,235	134	752	2,648	156
Feb03	414	35.73	6.83	4,007	4,825	137	742	2,389	176
Mar03	369	33.16	8.94	4,002	6,251	150	790	2,700	175
Apr03	141	28.14	5.88	3,713	4,644	142	828	2,531	147
May03	125	28.07	5.73	3,671	4,243	121	736	2,580	140
Jun03	261	30.52	5.93	3,675	4,200	138	807	2,568	164
Jul03	341	30.70	5.58	3,687	4,529	109	812	2,465	174
Aug03	344	31.60	5.08	3,711	4,574	124	726	2,200	130
Sep03	298	28.31	5.19	3,756	4,262	161	820	2,613	148
Oct03	331	30.35	4.92	3,865	4,582	136	809	2,682	160
Nov03	342	31.06	4.60	3,837	4,440	144	681	2,536	150
Dec03	401	32.14	5.11	3,978	4,873	140	657	2,768	171
Average/Sum	314	31.04	5.81	45,919	56,659	1,636	9,160	30,680	1,891
Jan04	421	**34.22**	6.10	3,998	5,445	132	763	2,799	173
Feb04	433	**34.50**	5.83	4,117	4,912	179	797	2,488	185
Mar04	364	**36.72**	5.49	4,241	5,396	160	897	3,174	205
Apr04	156	**36.62**	5.64	4,312	5,131	134	732	2,795	165
May04	170	**40.28**	6.28	4,233	5,341	131	695	2,649	174
Jun04	263	**38.05**	6.47	4,448	6,278	138	806	2,669	181
Jul04	308	**40.81**	6.17	4,537	5,734	118	611	2,428	156
Aug04	309	**44.88**	5.99	4,509	5,818	114	713	2,303	163
Sep04	272	**45.94**	5.21	4,483	5,177	113	710	2,642	177
Oct04	370	**53.09**	5.29	4,549	5,357	105	664	2,644	157
Nov04	434	**48.47**	6.58	4,843	6,073	106	737	2,808	162
Dec04	471	**43.26**	6.70	4,695	6,172	135	594	2,877	143
Average/Sum	**331**	**41.40**	5.98	52,966	66,836	1,565	8,719	32,276	2,041
Jan05	466	**46.85**	6.02	4,671	6,102	119	610	2,932	172
Feb05	482	**48.05**	5.94	4,725	5,448	147	658	2,662	177
Mar05	360	**54.63**	6.30	4,798	5,954	148	750	3,226	195
Apr05	146	**53.22**	6.79	4,889	5,823	139	685	3,119	181
May05	224	**49.87**	6.51	4,866	5,966	112	630	3,139	213
Jun05	250	**56.42**	6.34	4,968	5,801	112	703	3,347	201
Jul05	391	**59.03**	6.87	4,763	6,226	60	566	2,777	189
Aug05	423	**64.99**	7.45	4,909	6,777	70	687	2,999	181
Sep05	392	**65.55**	9.46	5,033	7,203	83	645	3,361	191
Oct05	430	**62.27**	11.38	**5,120**	8,251	67	611	3,404	199
Nov05	491	**58.34**	10.81	**5,231**	7,444	59	585	3,458	201
Dec05	523	**59.45**	**10.54**	**5,381**	8,215	79	414	3,614	184
Average/Sum	381	**56.56**	**7.87**	**59,353**	79,210	1,195	7,544	38,038	2,284
Jan06	495	**65.54**			**8,306**	**93**	**508**	3,794	224
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	Consumer Price Index (1992 = 100)			Consumer Price Index (2000 = 100)		Exchange Rates		Prime Rates	
	Alberta	Edmonton	Calgary	Canada	U.S	(Cdn$/US$)	(Cdn$/EURO)	Canada (%)	U.S. (%)
1997	109.5	108.7	109.7	95.3	93.4	1.3844	N/A	4.96	8.46
1998	110.7	109.7	111.3	96.0	94.7	1.4831	N/A	6.60	8.31
1999	113.4	112.2	114.2	97.3	96.7	1.4857	1.5853	6.44	8.02
2000	117.4	115.9	118.4	100.0	100.0	1.4854	1.3704	7.27	9.27
2001	120.1	118.4	121.3	102.6	102.8	1.5489	1.3872	5.81	6.79
2002	124.2	121.9	125.8	104.9	104.4	1.5706	1.4838	4.21	4.67
Jan03	128.6	127.4	128.9	107.0	105.5	1.5410	1.6373	4.50	4.25
Feb03	129.0	127.8	129.3	107.8	106.3	1.5124	1.6308	4.50	4.25
Mar03	130.2	128.9	130.7	108.2	107.0	1.4759	1.5937	4.75	4.25
Apr03	130.2	128.8	130.9	107.4	106.7	1.4585	1.5841	5.00	4.25
May03	129.4	128.0	130.1	107.5	106.5	1.3845	1.6009	5.00	4.25
Jun03	130.1	128.7	130.7	107.6	106.7	1.3523	1.5788	5.00	4.25
Jul03	129.6	128.5	129.8	107.7	106.8	1.3815	1.5696	4.75	4.00
Aug03	129.3	128.2	129.7	107.9	107.2	1.3957	1.5558	4.75	4.00
Sep03	130.1	128.9	130.5	108.1	107.5	1.3632	1.5359	4.50	4.00
Oct03	129.6	128.1	130.2	107.8	107.4	1.3218	1.5485	4.50	4.00
Nov03	130.0	128.5	130.7	108.1	107.1	1.3126	1.5383	4.50	4.00
Dec03	129.9	128.4	130.7	108.2	107.0	1.3128	1.6138	4.50	4.00
Average/Sum	129.7	128.4	130.2	107.8	106.8	1.4010	1.5823	4.69	4.13
Jan04	129.8	128.0	130.9	108.3	107.5	1.2960	1.6362	4.25	4.00
Feb04	129.9	127.9	131.0	108.5	108.1	1.3290	1.6807	4.25	4.00
Mar04	130.3	128.3	131.4	108.9	108.8	1.3284	1.6289	4.00	4.00
Apr04	130.6	128.7	131.6	109.1	109.2	1.3425	1.6087	3.75	4.00
May04	131.7	129.8	132.7	110.1	109.8	1.3783	1.6554	3.75	4.00
Jun04	133.0	131.2	133.9	110.2	110.2	1.3577	1.6490	3.75	4.00
Jul04	132.1	130.4	133.1	110.1	110.0	1.3219	1.6222	3.75	4.25
Aug04	131.9	130.2	132.8	109.9	110.0	1.3118	1.6003	3.75	4.50
Sep04	132.0	130.4	132.8	110.0	110.3	1.2878	1.5744	4.00	4.75
Oct04	131.6	129.8	132.6	110.3	110.9	1.2469	1.5594	4.25	4.75
Nov04	132.5	130.7	133.5	110.7	110.9	1.1961	1.5556	4.25	5.00
Dec04	132.2	130.4	133.1	110.5	110.5	1.2191	1.6317	4.25	5.25
Average/Sum	131.5	129.7	132.5	109.7	109.7	1.3013	1.6169	4.00	4.38
Jan05	131.7	130.1	132.5	110.4	110.7	1.2253	1.6052	4.25	5.25
Feb05	131.9	130.1	132.7	110.8	111.4	1.2397	1.6133	4.25	5.50
Mar05	132.7	131.0	133.4	111.4	112.3	1.2161	1.6045	4.25	5.75
Apr05	133.6	131.6	134.4	111.8	113.0	1.2360	1.5997	4.25	5.75
May05	133.4	131.5	134.3	111.9	112.9	1.2555	1.5934	4.25	6.00
Jun05	133.9	131.8	134.9	112.0	113.0	1.2402	1.5076	4.25	6.00
Jul05	135.0	133.1	135.9	112.3	113.5	1.2227	1.4714	4.25	6.25
Aug05	135.0	133.0	135.9	112.7	114.1	1.2040	1.4808	4.25	6.50
Sep05	136.6	134.8	137.3	113.7	115.4	1.1776	1.4409	4.50	6.75
Oct05	136.2	134.3	137.0	113.2	115.7	1.1776	1.4156	4.75	6.75
Nov05	136.1	134.2	136.9	**112.9**	114.8	1.1811	1.3922	4.75	7.00
Dec05	135.4	133.3	136.5	**112.8**	**114.3**	1.1610	1.3771	5.00	7.25
Average/Sum	134.3	132.4	135.1	**112.2**	**113.4**	1.2114	1.5085	4.42	6.23
Jan06	**137.1**	**134.8**	**138.3**			1.1573	1.4032	5.25	7.25
Feb06						**1.1489**	**1.3716**	**5.25**	**7.50**
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